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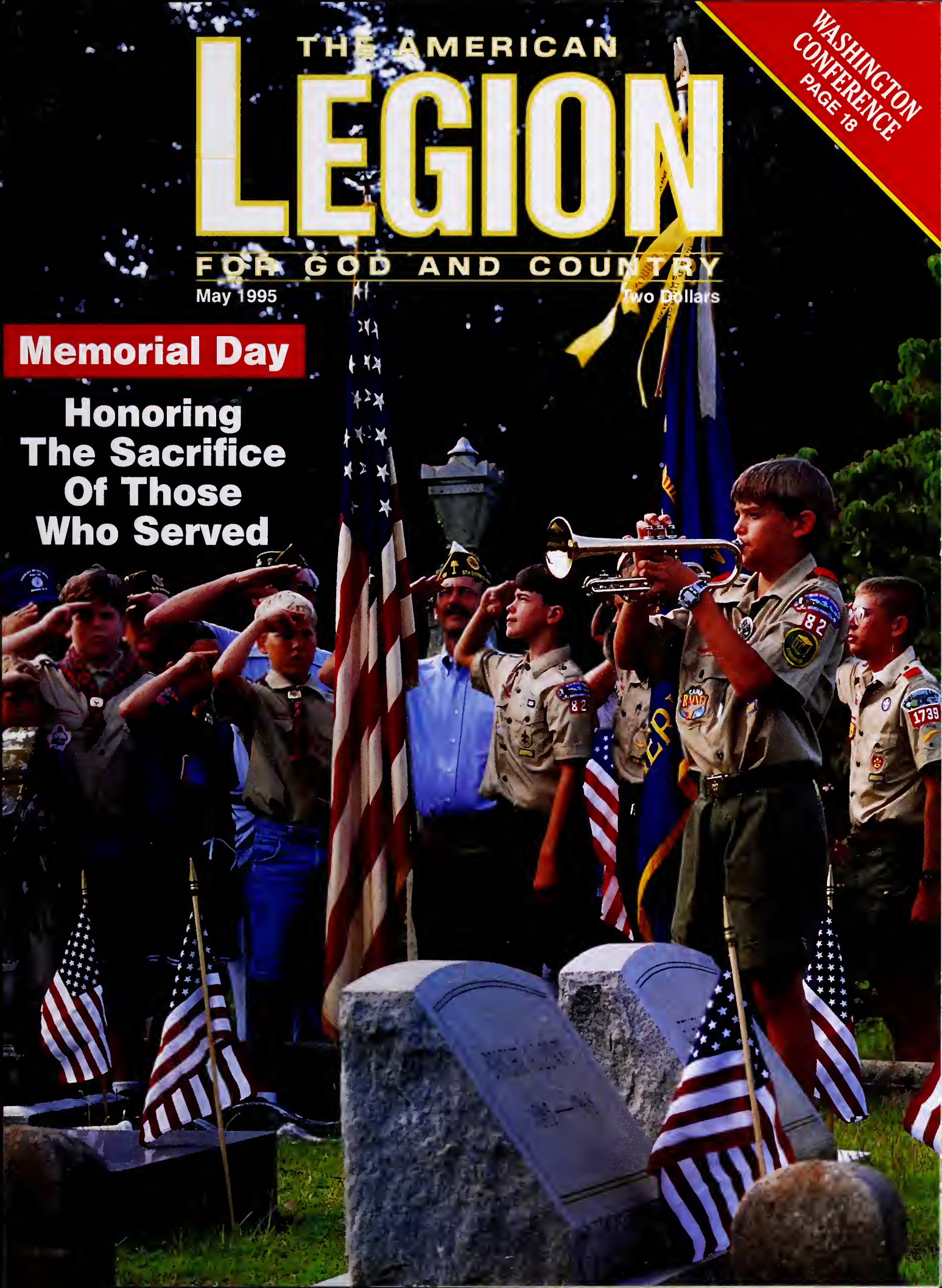
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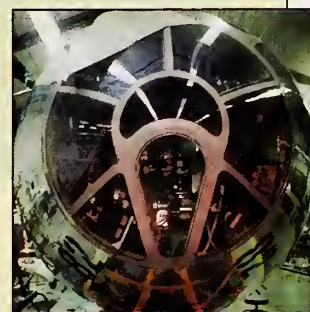
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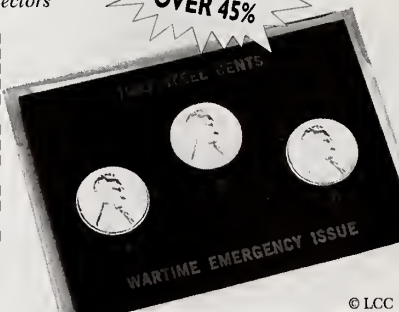
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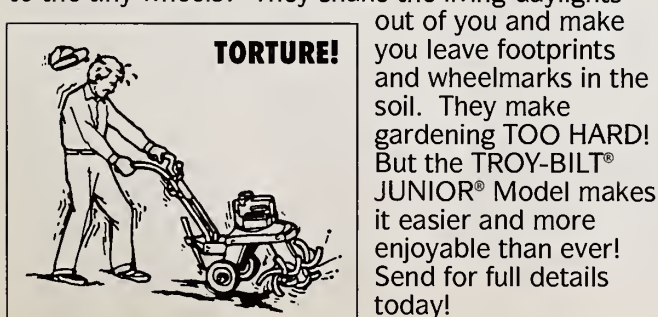
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For The Flag

I want to correct some information contained in the article, "Flag Burnings Continue" (Legion News, March). The antiwar protester who was acquitted of Flag burning in Cleveland this past summer didn't go outside the courthouse to burn a Flag in celebration. She walked a couple of blocks to the police station with about 20 protesters and then burned the Flag.

I was on duty patrolling the area when the incident took place. I could do little. As an American Legion Post Commander, this incident really tore me up.

There is no doubt in my mind that these instances of Flag burning will continue to escalate in the future unless action is taken soon to put a Constitutional Amendment in place. The symbol of our freedom, which many veterans gave their lives for, must be protected.

*Police Sgt. Timothy D. Leahy
Cleveland*

Storm Front

On behalf of the Desert Storm Justice Foundation, I would like to express a sincere thanks to National Commander William Detweiler and the staff of The American Legion. The article, "What's Wrong With Me?" (January by Ken Scharnberg) was the most comprehensive to date to appear anywhere on Persian Gulf Syndrome.

We have received many testimonials about how veterans from other war eras have gone to bat for us by trying to secure proper VA treatment for us. Having suffered through one miscarriage and myriad other problems, I know firsthand how much your efforts are appreciated.

*Chris A. Kornkven
Desert Storm Justice Foundation
Oklahoma City*

The Legion deserves a big pat on the back for the article, "What's Wrong With Me?" As a Gulf War veteran with lots of medical problems, it hit home.

I have been in the VA system for more than two years now, and we need to take a good look at its medical service, or the lack of service, veterans receive. I know now what other veter-

ans have gone through with Agent Orange and other such ailments. I am proud of the Legion's firm stand on Gulf War Syndrome and have renewed my expired membership.

We also need to test family members for the syndrome. I would hate to think that we are passing our sickness to our loved ones. Thanks again to The American Legion.

*Marc R. Anderson-Yeager
Indianapolis*

Future Fights

You made me proud to be a Legionnaire. Against heavy odds, you have won the Super Bowl of national pride by trouncing the Smithsonian Institution.

*J. Ford Kelley
Sarasota, Fla.*

The battle has been won, but not the war ("Smithsonian Cancels Enola Gay Exhibit," Legion News, March). The Enola Gay issue is a drop in the bucket. Americans should insist that Congress

look further and determine if other Smithsonian exhibits promote political correctness.

Sen. Thad Cochran of Mississippi said, "This is a national museum and it shouldn't be used by revisionist historians to try to change the facts of World War II." May I add: Or any other events of history!

*Lorena E. Kemppainen
Springfield, Mo.*

I commend Commander Detweiler and his staff for their efforts to reconcile the Smithsonian's travesty of history. I am also deeply concerned about exhibits the Smithsonian "historians" have planned for the future. Can we expect more of the same?

*Edwin G. Gerling
Highland, Ill.*

If these events are there for everyone to see, maybe, just maybe, the total destruction and mayhem may prevent something like this from happening again.

*A.V. Kriner Jr.
Hollywood, Fla.*

Our goal as Americans has always been to fight wars to bring peace, not to take over the world as conquerors. Our record is clean. We didn't subjugate Japan, Germany and Italy and make them American territories. We only fought to preserve our own country. But after subduing the enemy, we turned right around and helped them back on their feet.

Keep up the good work in protecting and preserving the honor and dignity of American servicemen.

*Wilbur L. Knudsen
Brainerd, Minn.*

I've about had it with the Smithsonian and Enola Gay. Who are the weirdoes running the place?

I think we should get the Enola Gay out of the Smithsonian and put it in Wright-Patterson where it belongs. I don't believe the Smithsonian deserves it. She should be treated like the grand old lady that she is.

*Chuck Pearson
Portland, Ore.
Please turn page*

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According to the book, *Japan's Secret War*, by Robert K. Wilcox, the Japanese had an atomic bomb program of their own during World War II. So it boils down to the basic fact that America quite simply beat the Japanese to the punch.

Thank God for brave Americans like President Harry Truman and Gen. Tibbets.

*Robert L. West
Calabasas, Calif.*

Secret Question

The article, "Russia's Dirty Chemical Secret" (February by Cliff Kincaid), described a chemical weapon designed to affect victims years after exposure. Why would somebody develop a weapon that's intent is to take out enemy troops over time? It seems pointless. When chemical weapons were used in World War I, the intent was to take out troops immediately.

*Tom Kus
Des Plaines, Ill.*

Backed Up

I was very disappointed with the tenor of "Back to Back & Bottomed Out" (February by William Matthews). The author devoted 62 paragraphs to criticizing the administration's defense policies, but noted in one paragraph near the end "there is no simple answer." I would hope that anyone who alleges to care about servicemen would at least applaud the administration's recent plan to improve readiness and quality of life standards of our troops. We need more smart, motivated people rather than more smart bombs.

*Steven H. Warnstadt
Sioux City, Iowa*

"Back to Back & Bottomed Out" was not only enlightening, but worrisome. It seems that once again the military is the scapegoat used to bail out unwise political decisions. Our so-called leaders probably won't be satisfied until all weapons are removed from the military and replaced with serving spoons.

Let's not forget the loss of morale that follows short-sighted, tight budgets.

*Harry F. Cutter
Cape Canaveral, Fla.*

Regarding defense spending and preparedness, Gen. Patton once said, "The enemy's only chance for victory in another war would be to try and knock us out in the first round. American military preparedness is of the utmost importance."

Fire drills in our schools are not the cause of fires.

*Ralph Brett
Abington, Mass.*

It is not always the size of the army, sometimes it is the condition, training and leadership. None of which would necessarily have to be sacrificed with a reduced, leaner but meaner force.

*Bob Raymond
Billings, Mont.*

Raising Flags At Iwo

Sid Moody's article, "Bloody Iwo" (February), left the impression that only the Marines were present on the island. It took more than the Marines to win Iwo. Every branch of the service should get the recognition they deserve.

My dad served in the Army Air Force there. And although my dad wasn't in the photo of the Flag raising, in my heart he raised our Flag a million times over. Thanks, dad.

*Bev (Hickman) Reinsch
Milford, Neb.*

The Marines deserve credit for their deeds at Iwo Jima, but the Navy was there, too. They provided air cover and shore bombardment. The Navy dead and missing there was nearly 1,000.

*John D. Hare
Arroyo Grande, Calif.*

There is one living survivor of the 10 men included in the first and second pictures taken of the Flag raising on Mt. Suribachi. He is Charles Lindberg of Richfield, Minn.

*Curtis Hansen
Edina, Minn.*

Bridging The Truth

During WWII, I commanded the 14th Tank Bn. of the 9th Armored Div. As commander of Task Force Engeman, I read Sid Moody's article, "Crossing The Rhine" (March), with great interest. However, I was very dis-

appointed in his account of the orders I received from Brig. Gen. Hoge to capture the bridge. I received no such orders.

In late evening March 6, 1945, in Stadt Meckenheim, I received orders to advance at daylight March 7 to seize the cities of Remagen and Kripp and to be prepared to cross the Ahr River to join up with Gen. Patton's Third Army advancing from the south.

No mention of a bridge. When we came to the point where we could see the whole Rhine Valley with the bridge still standing, I immediately ordered an attack on the city and the bridge by the 27th Armored Inf.

As we came to the bridge, the tanks took positions firing across it. The Germans set off a huge explosion near our end, but the bridge remained standing. I ordered the infantry across and had the engineer platoon clear the bridge of demolitions and repair the flooring for tanks to cross.

About that time, I had second thoughts. Everything was going well, but I still had no orders to cross. I radioed Gen. Hoge's command and told them the bridge was intact and that I was sending infantry across. I asked for their plans. A short time later a reply stated that they were backing us with everything they had and to proceed to the east bank.

It is very obvious that plans to capture the bridge were nonexistent. This operation was successfully accomplished by the men and officers of the task force. They have no ax to grind. Just the facts. They dislike not getting credit for their actions.

*L.E. Engeman
Nevada City, Calif.*

Honest About Abe

I cannot let Evelyn Hendrixson's statement that President Lincoln had no military service pass without correction ("A Question of Service," Vetvoice, March).

Abe Lincoln volunteered for service during the Black Hawk War in April 1832 and was elected captain by his fellow troops. He served until May 27 and then re-enlisted as a private and served until July 10, 1832.

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MEMORIAL DAY REMINDS US: WAR IS NOT ABOUT STATISTICS

DURING A Gulf War briefing at the Pentagon, Army Gen. Colin L. Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, stood confidently beside a battle map.

Looking viewers of CNN straight in the eyes, he pointed at small symbols representing U.S. troops and Iraqi forces, and stated plainly:

"Our strategy to go after this army is very, very simple. First we're going to cut it off and then we're going to kill it."

Other Pentagon briefings rattled off statistics that chronicled this successful strategy, everything from numbers of troop trucks to bomb accuracy to casualties.

No one who understands war, especially a combat veteran such as Powell, is lulled into a sense of security by the relative safety of briefing room statistics.

The maps and markers represent American lives—young men and women serving in our country's armed forces. And on Memorial Day, we remind ourselves and others that war is about people, not numbers.

In Al Santoli's 1993 book, *Leading the Way: How Vietnam Veterans Rebuilt the U.S. Military*, retired Air Force Gen. Charles Horner explains how he got a sense of the human side of the Gulf War.

"You go through all the war-game exercises with little red boxes on plastic-covered maps, representing divisions and companies and squadrons and all that. But one day you are sitting in a war room, and those red markers represent 10,000 or 15,000 people, and your job is to wreak havoc on them," says Horner, who was commander of Central Command Air Forces during the war.

"At that time, you say to yourself, 'I'm going to do the best that I can. God is going to take care of the rest.'"

Military leaders such as Powell and



Nat'l. Cmdr. William M. Detweiler

Horner, as well as GIs and veterans, have a better understanding of the human equation of war than most others. They have seen the devastation, the death, and the tearful eyes of families who have lost a loved one to war.

During Vietnam, some Legionnaires served as volunteers who went to the homes of GIs killed in action and delivered the news to their families.

Anyone who has performed this task knows what Memorial Day is about. Anyone who has worn the uniform of our nation's military understands this measure of sacrifice.

But what about those who haven't been close to the horrible consequences of war? How do they gain an appreciation for Memorial Day?

As Legionnaires, we can be proud that our organization plays an important role in helping others to appreciate the service of veterans. One such program is a partnership between Boy Scout troops and Legion Posts.

Each Memorial Day, many Boy Scouts place American Flags on the graves of veterans in local cemeteries.

This activity enables young men to see up-close the true meaning of sacrifice and the costs of war. (For more about the Boy Scout/Legion Flag program, see Page 22.)

Legionnaires also visit schools across the nation to talk to children about the meaning of Memorial Day. At just about every ceremony honoring veterans, Legionnaires can be found leading the way.

Memorial Day is about remembering the fallen, but for me, it is also about resolving the POW/MIA issue and helping the families of our missing.

Our nation is still haunted by the evidence that suggests we didn't do and haven't done everything in our power to resolve the fates of missing GIs.

We remain awash in strong-worded rhetoric, without strong-willed actions to back up our commitments. We continue to look for reasons to abandon the search but make no effort to trace the origins of the problem.

Our thoughts on this Memorial Day must be focused on honoring the fallen. But as we watch the sun go down on this day, there is much work for us to do tomorrow.

- To protect American POW/MIAs in future wars, The American Legion has a plan before the President and the Secretary of Defense.

- To teach young people about the meaning of Memorial Day, the Legion has volunteers and programs that help.

- And to properly honor those veterans who have died for our country, The American Legion sponsors and participates in countless ceremonies across the country.

Honoring veterans on Memorial Day is important. But if we end our commitment there, we haven't truly understood the meaning of this day. Our challenge all year long is to encourage other Americans to honor and respect what veterans have done for this country. □

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SHOULD CONGRESS HALT WELFARE BENEFITS FOR UNWED TEENAGE MOTHERS?

Rep. James M. Talent (R-Missouri)

It is time to end welfare as we know it. That is the consensus of the American people.

YES



At the outset of the War on Poverty 30 years ago, the out-of-wedlock birthrate in the United States was roughly 7 percent. Since then, the government has spent \$5 trillion on programs to end poverty. Yet today, one third of the babies in the United States are born out of wedlock. In many low-income urban communities, nearly eight out of 10 are born into a culture where fatherhood does not exist. These children are three times as likely to fail in school; twice as likely to commit crimes and end up in jail; and almost twice as likely to bear children out of wedlock themselves.

The current welfare system subsidizes out-of-wedlock births, rewards young men for being irresponsible, lures young women into a course of action that often destroys them and their children, and undermines the stability of American society.

The two most effective anti-poverty programs are work and marriage. Yet the welfare system offers even teenage girls benefits up to \$15,000 a year, provided they have a child, do not work and do not marry an employed male.

In my parents' generation, people understood that they simply could not afford children until they had a work skill and had married someone who was committed to help raise a family. Great Society programs changed this reality. We need to provide assistance in a way that tells young people the truth: Having a child means responsibility.

The key feature of new legislation to achieve this should end payments of cash and cash-related benefits to young, unwed parents and offer primary options that emphasize adoption and group homes. The immediate impact of such legislation would be a reduction of the out-of-wedlock birthrate, because pregnancy would no longer mean status, independence and some money every month. It would mean giving the child up for adoption or moving into a group home with regimented schedules and the real expectation of assuming the responsibilities of life.

The states need freedom to experiment with assistance of this kind. There is no reason the welfare system should continue offering quicksand instead of a safety net to single teenage mothers. ☐

Rep. George Miller (D-California)



NO

Over the past 20 years, the number of children born to unwed teenage mothers has increased. The Republican effort to reverse this tragedy by denying them welfare benefits appropriately calls attention to the problem, but will fail to resolve it.

Teenage pregnancy is unhealthy for the child, the mother and our society, and we are right to want to stem its rise. The evidence, however, contradicts the assumption in the "Contract With America" that teenage girls have babies to receive welfare payments:

- While the real value of welfare payments has declined from \$690 per month in 1970 to \$366 per month in 1994 in a typical state, the rate of out-of-wedlock births increased in both poor and non-poor, and teenage and adult populations.
- The state with the highest welfare payments, Vermont, has the lowest teen birthrate.
- Teenage pregnancy rates in Western Europe are dramatically lower than in the United States, yet its welfare benefits are far more generous.

These findings led 76 leading researchers spanning ideological lines to conclude that cutting such benefits would cause far more damage to the children than would be justified by the goal of reducing unwed teenage births.

Testifying a decade ago in Congress, the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development said a teenager with a bleak view of her future was likely to ignore the negative consequences of bearing a child. Low self-esteem is the offshoot of poverty, poor schooling, limited job prospects and a crime-ridden neighborhood.

Our entire society will benefit from welfare reform. While the existing system maintains a safety net for millions of Americans, it fails to permanently lift them out of poverty. But effective welfare reform initially will cost far more than taxpayers spend today. States and cities are leading the way with new approaches that should be pursued. They include tying welfare payment levels to the mother's and her children's school attendance, enhanced job training programs and making deadbeat dads pay their fair share.

I see why many are angry. If the new policy is misguided, children will suffer most. Concern about welfare should stimulate reform that strengthens the family, not punishes the child. ☐

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Gulf Gaffe

Retired Army Gen. Colin Powell may be the apple of the public eye, at least according to some polls, but the stunning resurrection of Iraq's military force could eventually undercut his electability. Washington insiders say Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff during the Gulf War, will have an embarrassingly hard time explaining in his upcoming book why the United States left Saddam Hussein in power and failed to destroy his army.

Jane's Intelligence Review says that Iraq's military has reconstituted "a considerable portion of its pre-Desert Storm combat power," remains a "potent threat" to Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, and could re-emerge as "a dominant force in the Gulf." Even at a reduced size of 400,000 troops—down from 1 million since Desert Storm—the Iraqi military is still more than twice that of the Saudis.

More good news: *New York Times* columnist William Safire reports that Iraq's biological weapons program is back on track. And some analysts say evidence points to an Iraqi role in the World Trade Center bombing.

In a 1995 CNN interview, Powell downplayed the criticisms, characterizing Saddam as only an "irritation" who was not "capable of generating an offense that would threaten" Iraq's neighbors.

Unmasking Damascus

Russian assistance to Iran's budding nuclear program is under mounting attack on Capitol Hill. Still, some political activists say the flap over Iran diverts attention from the real threat in the Mideast region.

That's Syria, says Herbert Zweibon, president of Americans for a Safe Israel. Zweibon is troubled by reports that a "big package" of U.S. foreign aid dollars is headed there as part of an Israeli-Syrian peace accord. He predicts that Syria will divert the funds toward upgrading its outdated Soviet military equipment in preparation for yet another attack on the Jewish state.

In a letter to congressional leaders, Zweibon warned of an added danger: deployment of U.S. troops as a human buffer zone between the two countries

Washington-based Cliff Kincaid writes for Human Events and other publications.



WASHINGTON WATCH

By Cliff Kincaid

after the Golan Heights are returned to Syria. This would make GIs sitting ducks for terrorists. Golan-bound U.S. troops will carry only side-arms—a grim prospect, says Zweibon, considering that in 1994, 1,000 Israeli troops on a similar mission in southern Lebanon suffered 21 killed and 40 wounded despite being armed to the teeth.

No-Frills Fails

They may have gotten great mileage out of promoting themselves as tough-on-crime in November, but House Republicans dropped from their crime bill a "no-frills" provision outlawing the likes of stairmasters, premium cable TV channels and catered prime rib dinners for state prison inmates. The provision would have directed the prisons to ax those amenities if they wanted federal money.

Third-term Congressman Dick Zimmer of New Jersey additionally sought to ban screenings of slice-and-dice films—*Silence of the Lambs* and *Psycho*, among others—which have been shown to violent offenders including serial killers in New York prisons. Zimmer's amendment was rewritten at the request of the House GOP leadership so that it now requires a list of perks provided to federal prisoners only.

Zimmer still has hopes for a no-frills

requirement that would make prison time more prisonlike in state facilities. He has authored a second bill which is now moving through Congress.

House Republicans also failed in their crime bill to eliminate funding for so-called "death penalty resource centers." Much to the dismay of victims'-rights groups, the centers, now operating in 19 states, receive \$20 million a year in federal money to help convicted killers appeal their sentences.

Less Green for Reds?

Before lawmakers vote significant sums of new money to Russia, look for them to take a serious stab at ascertaining the whereabouts of the old money. Capitol Hill lawmakers are reluctant to approve more Russian foreign aid without an inquiry into the missing billions of dollars the Communist Party old guard and their cronies reportedly have salted away in overseas bank accounts.

In 1992, Kroll Associates, the New York-based investigative agency which helped the U.S. locate Saddam Hussein's secret stash, was retained by the new Soviet regime to conduct a review of the matter. Though the study was not what you'd call comprehensive—it was limited to just 90 days—Kroll estimated the underground communist fortune at \$8 to \$12 billion. Other experts believe the amount could be \$50 billion.

Sources say a more complete accounting has been blocked by Yevgeny Primakov, who runs the Foreign Intelligence Service, formerly the KGB.

Renegade GOPs

If you thought Mark Hatfield earned pariah status by being the lone Senate GOP holdout against the balanced budget amendment, wait till Sen. John Chafee gets going. Chafee, chairman of the Environment and Public Works Committee, has a monkey wrench to throw into the GOP pro-development agenda on public-lands issues.

Asked if Chafee could become another Hatfield, a top aide said, "He's prepared to take that risk."

The first skirmish? Look for it to involve Sen. Frank Murkowski and Rep. Don Young of Alaska, who run the congressional committees on natural resources. Murkowski and Young want to open up Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil drilling. Chafee was a sponsor of the bill that closed the area to development. □

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Veteran Of The Month



Post 44 also recognizes special events, such as V-E Day, Independence Day, Pearl Harbor Day and Veterans Day.

You Can Do It, Too

The National Americanism Commission offers a booklet on how to conduct a Veteran of the Month program at your Post. If you're interested in joining the program, you should look for a volunteer to serve as program coordinator who will be responsible for scheduling, and may also handle the job of master of ceremonies.

The ceremony requires a flagpole with 24-hour lighting and must be capable of flying a 5-foot-by-9.5-foot

CEREMONY—The tribute includes reading the veteran's service record and presenting a Flag to the veteran's family.

Flag. Volunteers needed for the ceremony include the Post Com-

mander, who is responsible for accepting and returning burial Flags; a lanyard attendant to raise and lower the Flags; two Flag attendants to fold the Flags; the Post chaplain to offer appropriate prayers; and either a bugler or a tape to play *Call to Colors* and *Taps*. The coordinator should also organize regular rehearsals.

The program coordinator should set the time and day for ceremonies to accommodate the greatest number of families. The first Saturday of each month has worked well for Post 44.

In selecting a veteran to be honored, no specific dates of service are needed to qualify, and the veteran does not have to be a resident or former resident of the community. But the veteran must be honorably discharged, missing in action, or have died while serving.

The program coordinator will need to compile information about the veteran's personal and military life by conducting research at libraries and sending questionnaires to family members.

Posts can also hold a reception following the ceremony as an additional tribute to the veteran.

For a booklet on how to conduct a Veteran of the Month program, write to: Americanism Commission, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206. □

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giance. At Post 44 in the small town of Bantam, Conn., the Legion's newest Americanism program has begun.

The Veteran of the Month program honors deceased veterans in a ceremony that includes raising burial Flags and reading biographies of the honorees. What started as a local tradition with Post 44 bloomed into a national program when delegates to the 1993 National Convention passed Res. 159.

"Posts nationwide should follow Post 44's example," says Americanism Commission Chairman Ray G. Smith.

"The Veteran of the Month program is an important service to veterans' families and increases the visibility of your Post in the community."

Post 44 conducted its first Veteran of the Month ceremony on Oct. 25, 1989, and has held ceremonies on the first Saturday of each month ever since. The Post received a George Washington Honor Medal from the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge in December 1992 for establishing the Veteran of the Month program to honor the memories of those who served.

Post member Arthur St. John wrote the manual for the ceremony and helped push the program into national prominence.

"The program has rallied people around the Post," says St. John, a Past Commander of the Department of Connecticut. "Now, anything the Post does, the community gets behind it."

As many as 200 show up for the ceremonies, and when the Post dedicated a new flagpole in 1990, 2,500 attended. St. John also credits the program with increasing Post membership from 45 three years ago to 112 now. "People wanted to join our Post because we were visible and active in the community," says St. John.

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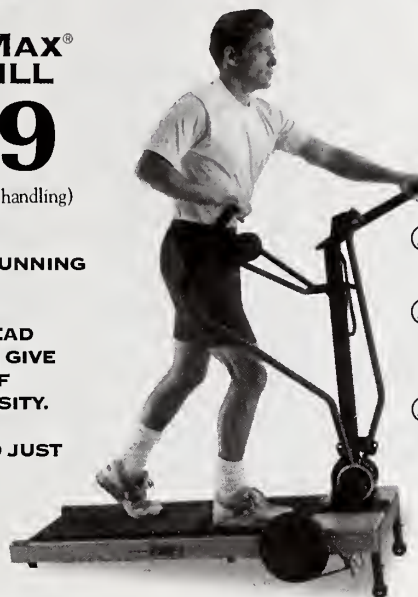
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Members of Congress Join Legionnaires In Rally To Protect Our Flag

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A COLD RAIN didn't deter thousands of Legionnaires from taking the battle to protect our Flag to the steps of the Capitol.

During The American Legion's 35th Annual Washington Conference, Feb. 26-March 1, senators and congressmen joined Legionnaires and Citizens Flag Alliance, Inc., (CFA)

President Daniel S. Wheeler in announcing that CFA's national campaign to protect the U.S. Flag is in high gear.

CFA, with its 91 member organizations representing more than 28 million Americans, got resolutions introduced in the House and Senate that would "amend the U.S. Constitution to protect the American Flag from purposeful, physical acts of desecration."

"Let us stand for the Flag. Let us salute the Flag. Let us Pledge Allegiance to the Flag. Let us protect the Flag," said Sen. Howell Heflin of Alabama.

Heflin, encircled by Legionnaires waving American Flags, was joined on the steps of the Capitol building by dozens of members of Congress, including Rep. Gerald Solomon of New York, Rep. Sonny Montgomery of Mississippi, Rep. Bob Dornan of Cali-

fornia and many other representatives.

"It is gratifying to have an issue that brings us together as a nation," said CFA's Wheeler. "And that issue is protecting our Flag."

Introduced on March 21, HJ. Res. 79 (House of Representatives) and SJ. Res. 31 (Senate) call for the U.S. Constitution to be amended to allow Congress and the Senate to pass laws that prohibit desecration of the U.S. Flag.

With 247 cosponsors in the House of Representatives and 45 in the Senate, the movement to protect our Flag is picking up steam and continues to grow stronger, according to Wheeler.

Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah added that "the beauty of this amendment is that it gives back to the people something that's important to them, and it doesn't cost the taxpayer a cent."

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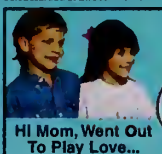
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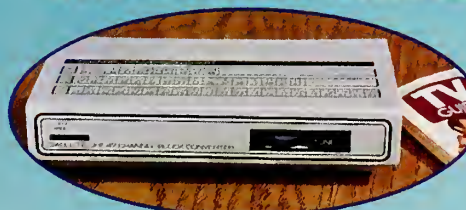
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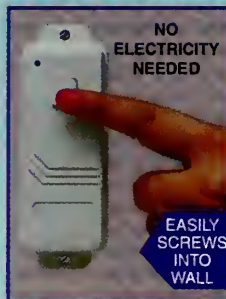


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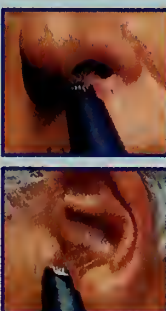
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Other issues covered at the conference had a lot to do with money and included:

National Security. "I give you my unshakable commitment that under my tenure as Secretary of Defense, there will be no hollow army," said Secretary of Defense William J. Perry at the Joint National Security/Foreign Relations meeting.

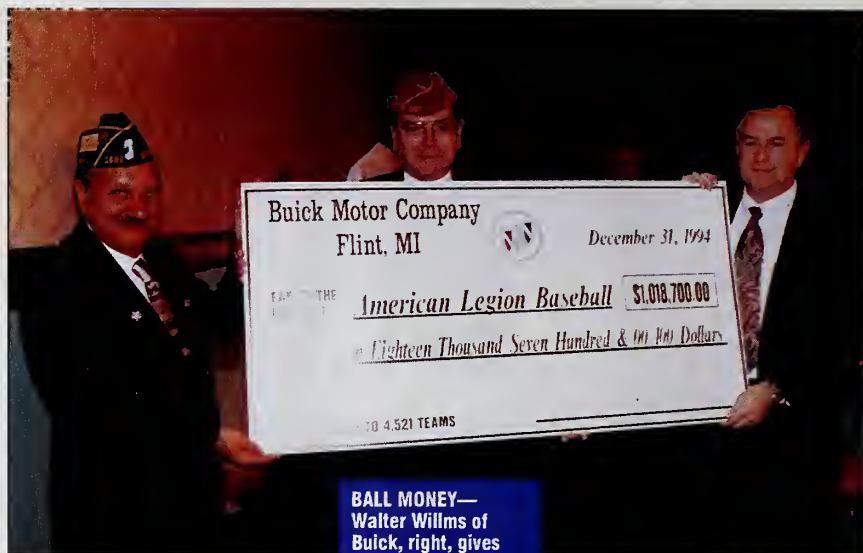
Perry made this promise in an address that described the challenges facing a Defense Department (DoD) with less and less money.

In fact, DoD Comptroller John J. Hamre said that the current DoD budget is 35 percent less in real terms than it was 10 years ago.

"We do have national security threats, smaller and more numerous," Perry said. Responding to criticism about the drawdown, Perry added that "the readiness of our forces is very high. The drawdown is essentially complete with the 1996 budget."

Perry told Legionnaires that the new force structure of the U.S. Armed Forces—10 active Army divisions; 20 Air Force wings; and 12 carrier groups—is adequate to fight and win two simultaneous regional conflicts.

National Commander William M. Detweiler offered another opinion: "Using that definition of readiness, we are not convinced that America's military is up to the tasks it may be asked to do."



BALL MONEY—
Walter Willms of
Buick, right, gives
Nat'l. Cmdr.
Detweiler, center,
and Legislative Chrm.
Charlie Pessio a
\$1 million plus check
for Legion Baseball.

Readiness is expected to suffer in part because of the way in which overseas military interventions are financed. Said Perry: "Since we have no separate funds in the budget to pay for contingency operations, we've had to use our training accounts. In the meantime, training must be canceled and postponed."

VA Budget. VA Secretary Jesse Brown told Legionnaires that the Fiscal Year (FY) 1996 VA budget is a "good budget" that will allow 43,000 more veterans to be treated while bringing "a number of our hospitals up to community standards."

Brown said that efforts were underway to equip VA hospitals with private baths, telephones and private and semi-private rooms. He also pledged to

reduce the backlog of veterans' claims and promised to try to protect veterans from the budget cutting frenzy in Congress.

"We must not balance the budget on the backs of veterans," Brown said.

The American Legion does not share Secretary Brown's optimistic appraisal of the VA budget. "President Clinton's budget proposal for FY 1996 would almost fund current services," said Detweiler.

POW/MIAs. "Fifty percent of Vietnam's population has been born since the war. Most of the people have no idea what the war was about," Detweiler said in a report on his trip to the Southeast Asian nation.

Detweiler explained that those who do know about the war and about America's POW/MIAs are not being fully cooperative. "The Vietnamese have documentation on our POW/MIAs that could help resolve their fates, but they're not letting us see it," he said.

Buick. Last year's Washington Conference was the setting for the announcement of a new partnership between Buick Motor Division and American Legion Baseball. This year, the stunning dividends of the venture were revealed:

"Buick has contributed to the continued success of American Legion Baseball with this check for \$1,018,700," said National Commander Detweiler. "Buick is also starting a \$17,000 American Legion scholarship that will help talented young

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MEMORIAL DAY 1995

In Grateful TRIBUTE

Legionnaires and Boy Scouts work together to honor America's veterans on Memorial Day.

HONOR—Scouts from Boy Scout Troop 82 in Seneca, S.C., honor veterans in a local cemetery.

ROBIN NELSON/MERCURY PICTURES

By Miles Z. Epstein

THERE ARE no words that can capture the essence of the supreme sacrifice made by veterans who died in the service of our country. Only respect, reverence and humble admiration in our hearts begin the process of remembering them.

On Memorial Day, nowhere is this sense of honor more genuine or more alive than in small towns throughout the nation, where Legionnaires and Boy Scouts work together to honor the fallen.

"Veterans who died in the service of their country deserve to be honored," says C. Wayne Gallimore, Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 82 in Seneca, S.C.

Miles Z. Epstein is managing editor of THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE.

"As Boy Scouts and as Americans, the only way to pay these veterans back is to pass on their legacy and honor what they did for our country."

That's what Troop 82 does each year when its Scouts place U.S. flags on the graves of veterans each Memorial Day.

"Our Post has seen a lot of results from sponsoring this activity," says Elvin Williams, coordinator of Post 120's Flag program, who along with other Legionnaires supervises the Scouts at the cemeteries. "It teaches the Scouts about responsibility and love of country."

"Not many people look at Memorial Day as a special day," says Scout John Patten of Troop 82, who participated in the Memorial Day Flag program. "People don't realize that so many veterans died fighting for us and we should honor them."

"I have a special appreciation for this because my father is a Vietnam veteran and many members of my family are veterans too."

MARY ANN CARTER



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REMEMBERING—
U.S. Flags
are placed
on veterans'
graves by
Boy Scouts
from Troop 621,
Greenwood, Ind.

Thanks
to local
Posts,
Boy Scouts
learn
about the
sacrifices
made by
veterans
and the
costs of
war.

MEMORIAL DAY

Troop 82's Jon Barker also learned about the large numbers of American citizens who gave their lives in defense of our country: "I felt I was paying respect to the people who serve in war. I didn't know that so many veterans

died. The United States has strong armed forces, and now I realize why that's important."

Scoutmaster Jack Cummings of Troop 621 in Greenwood, Ind., has been involved with the Legion Flag program on Memorial Day for about three years. "By placing Flags in the cemeteries and seeing how veterans

died for this country, the Scouts realize that these men and women were part of history—as important as the people they read about in school. The Scouts learn that veterans died in war so they wouldn't have to fight in one. I think that's a valuable lesson."

Legionnaire Ken Allen of Post 252 in Greenwood believes that The American Legion Flag program connects a new generation with the battles fought by their parents and grandparents. "It's a good experience for the Scouts," he says.

For Eagle Scout Chad Quinlan of Troop 621, the Memorial Day Flag ceremony is a logical activity for Scouts to participate in. "These veterans gave their lives for us and it feels only right that we get to do something for them," he says.

MANY Legion Posts across the nation work with the Boy Scouts on Memorial Day to see that veterans are properly honored. Legionnaires and American Legion Color Guards can be seen at almost every Memorial Day observance, from cemetery ceremonies to the reading of names off town and city memorials. (See page 62 for information on national memorials needing support.)

The tradition behind Memorial Day activities began after the Civil War, when women in Columbia, Miss., marched to the town cemetery and decorated the graves of fallen soldiers.

"Let no ravages of time testify to coming generations that we have forgotten as a people the cost of a free and undivided republic," said an 1886 order from General John Logan, commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, whose members were Union veterans of the Civil War.

At first, the observance was known as Decoration Day, but it eventually grew into the national holiday we know today as Memorial Day. The parades, prayers and participation of Legionnaires and Boy Scouts have very much defined this special day in the 20th century.

"Memorial Day should never be overshadowed by the month of May, which offers both wonderful weather and exciting events like the Indianapolis 500 race," says American Legion National Commander William M. Detweiler. "Our nation's veterans who are no longer with us deserve a national day of respect. Memorial Day is that day." □

WHERE POPPIES GROW

DON'T tell paralyzed veteran Skip Sibbald of Post 153, Park Ridge, N.J., that he is disabled. As a volunteer for the American Legion Auxiliary's Poppy program, he has proved he is very able, raising more than \$6,000 in three years.

"I sat at my local A&P store and sold poppies to help other veterans," he says modestly.

The Auxiliary's Poppy program is one of the most successful and widely known fundraisers for disabled veterans. Disabled and hospitalized veterans make the poppies out of bright red crepe paper, and Auxiliary volunteers distribute millions of them across the country in exchange for donations. The disabled veterans receive a small stipend for their work, offering them fulfillment and a source of income.

During 1993-1994, 8 million of the hand-crafted flowers were sold, raising \$1.6 million for veterans' rehab, and children and youth programs.

"The Memorial Poppy represents the price paid in blood by veterans for our freedom," says Deedy Harrell, the Auxiliary's poppy vice chairman. "The funds from poppy donations are used exclusively for veterans and their families."

In the United States, the poppy dates to 1918, when it was used to honor the memory of those who died fighting in World War I. And then a poem, a woman and an

Atlanta Legion Post turned the flower into a special program.

The poem. John McCrae's *In Flanders Fields* made the poppy a symbol of battlefield sacrifice and grew to embody the veterans' cause. "To you from failing hands we throw the Torch; be yours to hold it high. If ye break faith with us who die, we shall not sleep, though poppies grow in Flanders Fields," the poem implores us.

The woman. These words captured the heart of Moina Michaels, assistant secretary of the YMCA

Overseas Conference Headquarters at Columbia University. When she

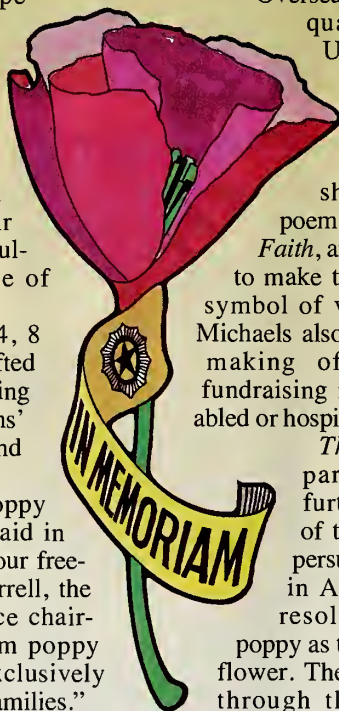
saw McCrae's work reprinted in *Ladies' Home Journal* in 1918,

she wrote her own poem, *We Shall Keep The Faith*, and began a campaign

to make the poppy a national symbol of veterans' sacrifice. Michaels also discovered that the making of poppies was a fundraising mechanism for disabled or hospitalized veterans.

The Legion Post. As part of her efforts to further the symbolism of the poppy, Michaels persuaded Legion Post 1 in Atlanta to support a resolution to adopt the

poppy as the official memorial flower. The resolution made it through the Department of Georgia and was later passed at the 2nd National Convention in 1920. Shortly after, the Auxiliary also adopted the poppy as its memorial flower. □





SALUTE—Taps is sounded for fallen Marines after the First Marine Division's breakout from the Chosin Reservoir.

SOME STILL REMEMBER

Korea may be America's so-called "forgotten war"—but never by those who were there.

IT IS called the Land of the Morning Calm, but between June 1950 and July 1953, Korea was anything but calm. Liberated from the Japanese at the end of World War II, then split between the Soviet Union and the United States, Korea became the grim arena where communism and democracy met head-on. ■ To commemorate the sacrifice and as prologue to the upcoming dedication of the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., on July 27, 1995, THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE asked readers to submit their memories of Korea. ■ We found that some, indeed, still remember...

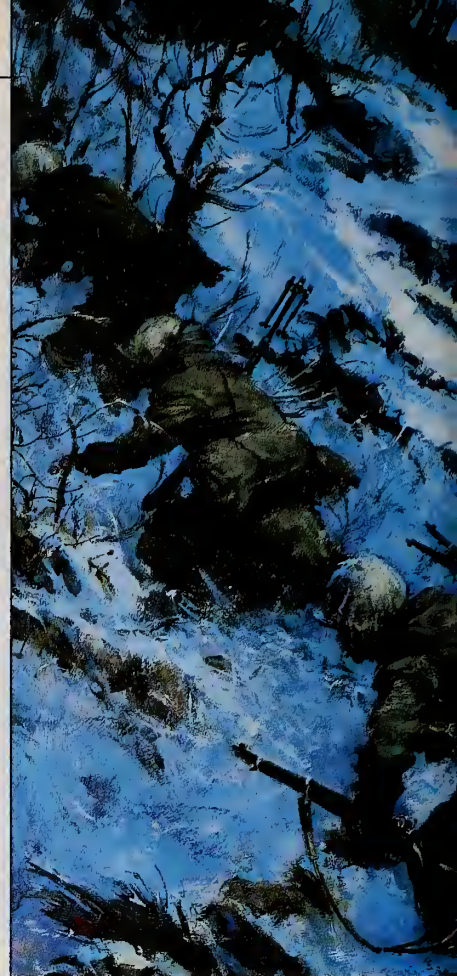
Korea added hundreds of new names to the Medal of Honor roster. One of them was Sgt. John A. Pittman, a 22-year-old Army sergeant from Carrollton, Miss. Because of Pittman, Charles E. Crain Jr. of Gibbsboro, N.J., and others were given a second chance.

IT STARTED on the morning of Nov. 26, 1950, on a hill at Kunu-ri, North Korea. I was with C Co., 23rd Inf., 2nd Div. On that morning the Chinese pushed us off the hill and we were fighting back from the crest. I was prone, working a BAR. Other members of my unit were nearby when a grenade landed on my right shoulder. All of a sudden it kicked forward and cradled in the body of Sgt. John Pittman. Due to his quick thinking and bravery, I and others were given a

SOME STILL REMEMBER



MEMORY—The Korean War Veterans Memorial will be dedicated July 27. Frank Gaylord designed its statues.



second chance at life. Thanks, Johnny.

Korea also added new names to our vocabulary—Bloody Gulch, Heartbreak Ridge, Old Baldy—names linked to faraway places and hostile times. And for *C.J. Jim McKee of Pleasant Hill, Ore.*, Korea made him a member of an exclusive fraternity of honor. He is among the “Chosin Few.”

HELL DID freeze over once, and I was there. As a young Marine of E Co., 3rd Bn., 11th Rgt., who was temporarily assigned to E Co., 2nd Bn. 7th Rgt., I was among the “privileged” who made it to Yudam-ni at the Chosin Reservoir. That’s when the Chinese hit us.

Ordered to withdraw 14 miles south to Hagaru-ri, we fought our way back for 79 continuous hours. When we reached the outskirts of the village, everyone who could still manage to walk joined ranks and paraded into Hagaru-ri in military formation. We were a motley crew who hadn’t bathed or shaved for a month.

You could probably smell us for 100 yards. Our numbers were severely depleted and many of us limped. Those leg injuries and frost-bite that hospitalized me for 13 months require treat-

ment even today.

This was the most emotionally moving experience of my life—tears streaming down my cheeks, looking neither right nor left, head held high, I marched in proudly.

Someone viewing our cockiness exclaimed, “Would you look at those bastards, those magnificent bastards!”



WAITING GAME—Infantry bore the brunt of the fierce fighting during the war’s off-and-on peace negotiations.

No, I’ll never forget the time I became a Magnificent Bastard.

The withdrawal from the Chosin Reservoir was an exercise in true gallantry. *Hector J. Figueroa-Ruiz of Aguirre, Puerto Rico*, witnessed the stubborn loyalty of one Marine to another as the leathernecks vowed no one would be left behind.

REMEMBER the drive to Hungnam, the encirclement of the 1st Marine Div. by the Chinese and North Korean armies, and the fierce delaying action fought by the Puerto Rican 65th Inf. Rgt. to open an escape route.

I will never forget the battle cry of those brave Marines: “We are not defeated yet. We will fight our way out, take our dead and wounded, and not a single Marine will be left behind!”

From a frozen hill, I witnessed their retreat while laying down protective fire. I saw the Marines load the bodies of their frozen comrades into 2-1/2 ton trucks. When the truck beds were filled, bodies were strapped to fenders, hoods and any other available space.

Too often, the price of freedom is written in the blood of patriots. Witnesses to that kind



FROZEN CHOSIN—This painting by Col. Charles Waterhouse USMCR (Ret.), depicts the bitter cold of the 1950 Korean winter.

COL. CHARLES WATERHOUSE

former Navy corpsman, bears witness that the Korean winter was enemy to all.

THE MEDICAL staff at the Naval Hospital in Yokosuka, Japan, normally outnumbered patients at least two to one. But that was just until the Chinese poured across the Yalu River and the Marine casualties began to arrive. Bowling alleys, pool rooms—anywhere a mattress could be laid—were prepared to receive the wounded. And they came and came—15,000 I heard. Waiting for beds, they lined the hospital halls. Never a whimper, only an occasional groan.

And the wounds. Those from bullets and shells were terrible, but often Nature's wound—frost-bite—was most awful. Many men had at least one or two black, shrunken, leather-like toes or fingers.

Others watched as death crawled up a limb and each day doctors cut away more of the member until it was removed entirely to prevent the horror from reaching the body. Even frost-bitten parts that survived hurt badly as they recovered.

In a few weeks, patients who could travel went Stateside; others returned to duty and the hospital returned to normal. But normal would never be what it was before.

Nurses always have been a special source of comfort to GIs who are dying or recovering from painful wounds. *Robert L. "Kansas" Maxwell of Hays, Kan.,* remembers one nurse who changed his life.

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of sacrifice come away with deeply ingrained memories, like those of *Norman Deptula of Webster, Mass.,* who served with the 581st Signal Radio Relay Co.

MY RADIO relay team was located at Koto-ri, just south of the Chosin Reservoir, in November-December 1950.

As our forces broke out of the encirclement at Hagaru-ri, north of Koto-ri, they suffered terribly from enemy action and the unremitting cold.

The sun was shining brightly in a cloudless sky as the troops from Hagaru-ri entered our perimeter. We watched them stumble along on rag-wrapped boots.

They stared straight ahead through glassy, red-rimmed eyes, but still firmly gripped their rifles.

A truck had the body of one of the dead tied to the bumper. Another was filled with many dead and when it hit a bump, the frozen legs bounced up and down.

Some of the wounded were lying on stretchers lashed to the top of a jeep-towed trailer. One of them managed a weak smile.

What I will never forget, however, was the intense color of the blood that

had soaked through the snowy white bandages.

When I close my eyes, I see a "red" that almost screams.

Death shrouded in white stalked the hamlets and mountains of Korea, killing and maiming Americans, UN forces and North Koreans alike. *Willis J. Wood of Clarksville, Tenn.,* a



LINE OF FIRE—U.S. artillery barrages from weapons such as this 8-inch howitzer steadily pounded communist Chinese targets.

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BOLD MOVE—
U.S. forces carve
out a beachhead
on the west coast
of Okinawa, 350
miles from the
Japanese
mainland.

OKINAWA THE LAST ISLAND

On this small strip of land in the Pacific, entrenched and desperate Japanese fought to the death in one of the bloodiest battles of World War II.

By Sid Moody

THE last island. And the worst.

Since August 1942, America's fighting men had been battling westward across the Pacific Ocean towards Japan. Gen. Douglas MacArthur's troops were advancing in an arc along New Guinea and into the Philippines. The combined Army, Navy and

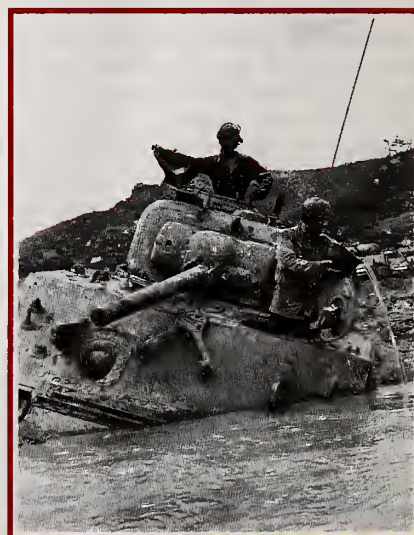
Marine forces under Adm. Chester Nimitz were island hopping through Guadalcanal, Tarawa, the Marshall Islands, Saipan, Peleliu, Iwo Jima and the other Marianas.

The Japanese—a navy all but annihilated, an air force reduced to suicide attacks, an army committed to dying for Emperor Hirohito—reasoned that the next target of the Americans would be the large island of Formosa, now Taiwan. Adm. Ernest King, the U.S. Navy's overall boss, favored that plan of attack, but he was overruled.

There was a more direct route to Tokyo—the island of Okinawa only 840 miles away.

Although officially part of Japan,

Sid Moody, a New York freelance writer, wrote "Crossing the Rhine" in the March issue of this magazine.



TANKED—During the landing phase, the most bitter opponent was not the enemy, but the elements—as this frustrated tank commander found out.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES



☉ **DEATH WAKE**—Marines pass through a small village where Japanese soldiers lay dead.

☉ **CORNERED**—Many GIs lost their lives in fierce cave-to-cave fighting.

☉ **CHARGE**—A Marine braves Japanese machine-gun fire while crossing what was called "Death Valley."



60-mile-long Okinawa was inhabited by mixed races who were far more easygoing than their countrymen to the north. In fact, the Chinese called Okinawa "Shurei No Kuni"—Nation of Constant Courtesy.

But Japanese Lt. Gen. Mitsuru Ushijima vowed that the Allies would receive anything but a courteous welcome. He put his 80,000 regulars and 30,000 local militiamen to work like

ants burrowing 60 miles of caves through the island's southern end. He knew Tokyo had written off his garrison after his best division was transferred to the Philippines and there were no replacements. It didn't matter. As on all the other islands, Ushijima and his men were prepared to die with honor rather than surrender.

The British contributed several warships to the invasion fleet, which was

second in size only to the Normandy D-Day armada. There were 1,457 ships, including 18 battleships and almost 100 carriers of various sizes. Twenty-five vessels carried nothing but jeeps.

Massed in this off-shore invasion force were almost half a million men—the U.S. Army's 7th, 27th, 77th and 96th divisions, the Army Reserve's

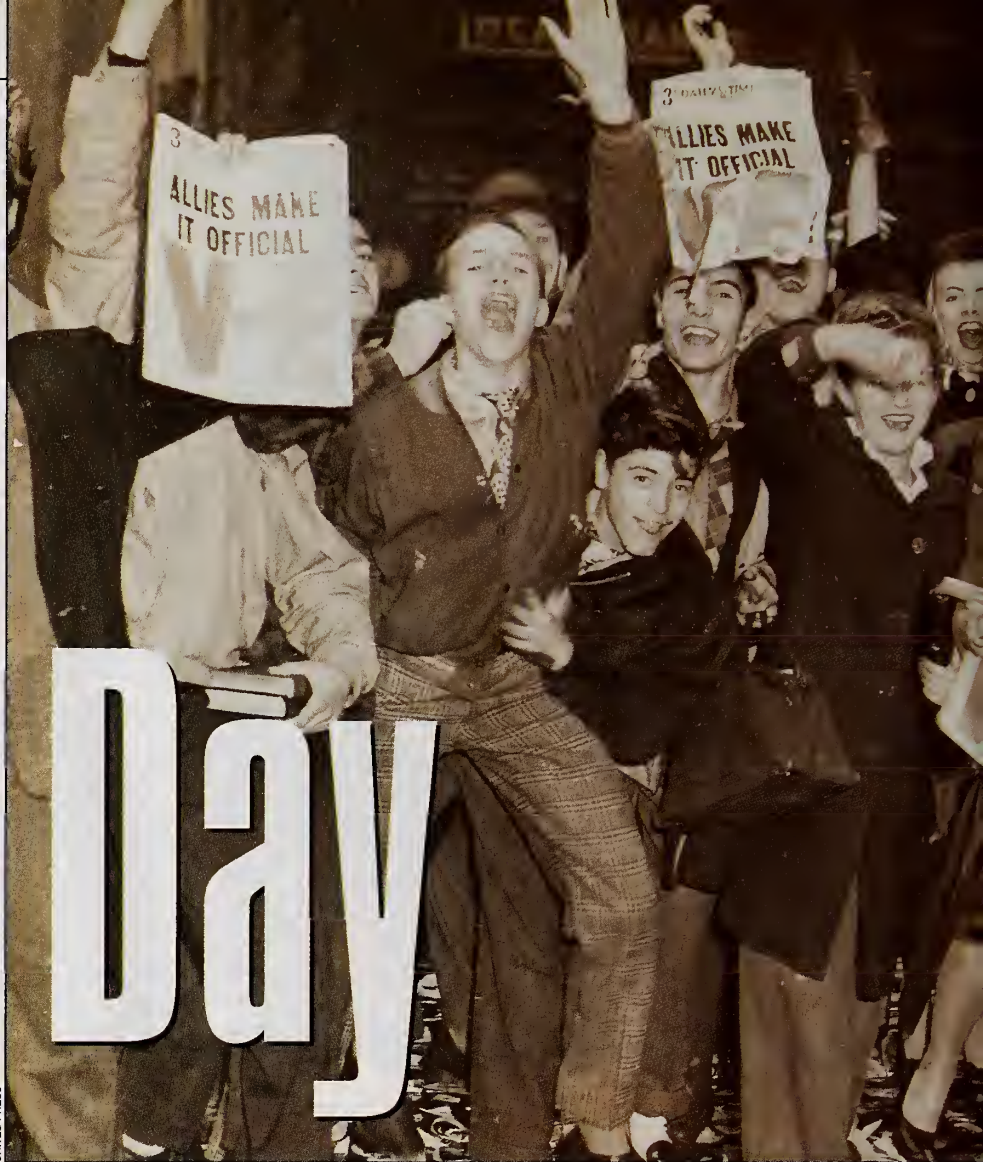
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By Sid Moody

IN THE final days of World War II in Europe, Adolf Hitler's 1,000-Year Reich collapsed in a cataclysmic funeral pyre.

From his bunker beneath flaming Berlin, the nearly unhinged Führer screamed frantic orders, calling upon nonexistent German armies to block the full-throated Soviet armies from the east and Allies streaming down the autobahns from the west.

Joseph Stalin's Red Army, bloodthirsty to avenge the deaths of 20 million fallen countrymen—one of every 10 Russians—massed 300 cannon and rocket launchers per mile, unleashing

Sid Moody, a New York freelance writer, wrote "Crossing the Rhine" in the March issue of this magazine.

an unrelenting offensive on April 21, 1945.

His body trembling with rage, Hitler ignored his staff, ordering his troops not to retreat an inch on pain of death. Dutifully, most of the Wehrmacht obeyed as its armies dissolved before the Soviet onslaught. Hitler was deaf to pleas to bring home 30 divisions from the Baltic and another 20 from Norway before they were hopelessly cut off.

In the west, the Allies had regained the territory lost in Hitler's last-gasp Battle of the Bulge. In a textbook campaign, U.S. Army Gen. George S. Patton captured the industrial Saar region, bringing the Allies to the Rhine River.

The British ground commander, Field Marshal Bernard Law Montgomery, insisted on leading the bulk of the Allied armies on a sweep across northern Germany to Berlin. The goal of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, the overall Allied commander, was destruction of the Nazi armies, so he

overruled Montgomery in a decision that remains controversial.

ON April 25, Army 1st Lt. Albert Kotzebue, G Co., 273rd Rgt. of the U.S. 69th Div., was on patrol near the Elbe River when he saw a lone Russian horseman near the village of Strehla. The 69th made contact with the Russian 58th Guards Div. near Riesa and Torgau. The Allies had finally cut Germany in two.

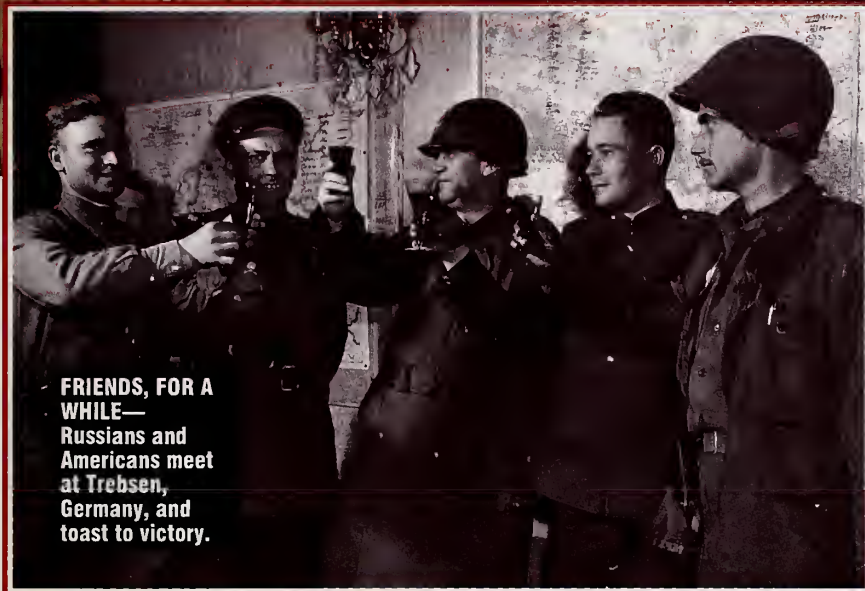
Patton wanted to roll on into Prague, but his request was denied because of a prior agreement with the Soviets at the Yalta Conference in February. The U.S. 9th Army commander, Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson, thought he had an open road to Berlin just 45 miles away at the Elbe River. But Eisenhower again disagreed.

Added to the horrors of the final days was the revelation of what Hitler's Germany had been doing behind the barbed wire of obscure towns such as



GERMANY SURRENDERS—Col. Gen. Alfred Jodl, Nazi chief of staff, ends the war, 11 months after D-Day.

HOORAY—Back home, Americans in Times Square rejoice in the Allied victory.



FRIENDS, FOR A WHILE—Russians and Americans meet at Trebsen, Germany, and toast to victory.

Buchenwald, Bergen-Belsen and Dachau. The Allies began discovering the other murder factories.

When the 4th Armored Div. found a camp outside the village of Ohrdruf, they forced the mayor and his wife to walk through it. Horrified, the couple went home and hanged themselves.

Eisenhower, Bradley and Patton visited the horror on April 12. "We are

told that the American soldier does not know what he is fighting for," said Eisenhower. "Now at least he will see what he is fighting against." He then ordered his troops to view the scene.

On that same day ironically, Franklin Delano Roosevelt—the man who had taken office 10 days before Hitler—died at his retreat at Warm Springs, Ga. While sitting for a portrait

by Madame Elizabeth Shoumatoff, Roosevelt spoke his last words: "I have a terrific headache." He died from a cerebral hemorrhage that afternoon. As the nation grieved, Vice President Harry S. Truman moved into the Oval Office.

Meanwhile, in Germany the landscape was a nightmare of confusion, as millions of straggling German soldiers were looking for someone to surrender to.

By this time, Hitler could no longer escape the fact that the end was near. With his capital burning above his bunker, Hitler ordered Albert Speer, his confidante and armaments minister, to torch the rest of the Reich. Speer refused and was fired.

Hitler's next act was to marry Eva Braun, his longtime mistress, in a surrealistic champagne ceremony. Two days later, April 29, Professor Werner Haase, the Führer's former surgeon, gave a cyanide capsule to Hitler's beloved Alsatian, Blondi. The dog died instantly. Sometime later Hitler and his bride retired to their chambers.

Between 3:15 and 3:30 a.m., aides heard a gunshot. They entered to a grim scene: Hitler was slumped over a table, his head bleeding from a wound inflicted by the 7.65mm Walther pistol he had carried long ago at his Munich beer hall uprising. Eva was dead from poison. The couple's bodies were carried outside where staff members doused them with gasoline and set them ablaze. The day Hitler shot himself, 1,200 Jews were killed by camp guards at Theresienstadt.

Surrender terms were presented to the Germans in a former boys' school at Reims in northeast France. Eisenhower told the reluctant German Col. Gen. Alfred Jodl if he didn't sign, the Allies would leave his soldiers to the tender mercies of the Russians. At 2:41 a.m. May 7, Jodl signed.

Eisenhower broke open a bottle of champagne for his exhausted staff. It was flat. He asked if anyone had a bright idea for a victory communiqué. No one did, so the small-town warrior from Abilene, Kan., wrote his own:

"The mission of this Allied force was fulfilled at 0241 local time May 7, 1945."

With such simple, understated words, the war in Europe ended. □

The Flag Is America

How a memorial service for veterans produced a change of heart in a legislator who once voted against protecting the Flag.

By John Carroll

UNTIL recently, I served in the Vermont Senate, and when the Senate debated the Flag resolution last year, I was among the majority who opposed it. I was wrong.

I was wrong because I thought that this issue, like so many others in the statehouse, was a problem to be solved through study and analysis.

It's not. It's a matter of the heart.

I didn't grasp this until a quiet afternoon in Belvedere last August during my campaign for the U. S. Congress. After marching in a small community parade, I stayed around for the dedication of a memorial honoring veterans of military service. As veterans and their children stood to be recognized for their service and sacrifice, I fought back tears. My heart literally ached.

Maybe it was the isolation and the exhaustion of a statewide candidacy

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that allowed feelings to get past my head and into my heart. Whatever it was, I couldn't stop thinking about my father, himself a veteran of military service, long since passed away.

He had fought at Verdun in 1918. There, amid terrible carnage—and great courage—he was shot and gassed. But he survived.

Dad never made a big thing out of patriotism or the Flag—we didn't even have a flagpole at home. But I noticed as a kid that he always held his hat over his heart when the Flag passed by at the parade. And I knew by his silence that fighting under his country's Flag on those killing fields in France had changed his life forever.

Thirty years ago, when Dad died, the American Flag draped his coffin. The Flag had been placed there by men of the local American Legion. These were men that he had not known especially well. But in the end, they were his brothers-in-arms. These men that we hardly knew folded Dad's Flag and, without a word, handed it gently to my mother.

Back at the family place after the service, all the friends and family had headed home—except me. In the fading light of sunset, Mum and I sat alone together in silence, exhausted. Dad's Flag, tightly folded in a tri-cornered bundle, rested on the table by his empty chair. I reached out for it.



OUR NATION'S FLAG NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

By Daniel S. Wheeler

THE March 13 issue of *Time* reported that a presidential candidate needs to raise \$100,000 per day to stay in the race. Most need between \$20 million and \$30 million to be on the ballot on election day.

- The nuclear-power industry has been working since the Three Mile Island fiasco to clean up its image and to lobby lawmakers not to curtail growth of the industry. According to some sources, the industry has spent an average of \$6 million per year for advertising and public relations, and "several million dollars" more in lobbying efforts.

- The American Petroleum Institute, National Association of Manu-



facturers and other associations spent \$4.5 million in 90 days to stop the proposed BTU tax a few years ago.

- The campaign launched by the Health Industry Association of America against the administration's universal health-care plan—which lasted less than one year—cost \$12 million to mobilize grassroots support.

- The pro-NAFTA campaign cost The Business Roundtable \$2 million to set up a group called USA-NAFTA, and the government of Mexico spent more than \$15 million annually for three years on lobbying and a public-relations campaign to win congressional approval.

These campaigns and numerous others show how expensive it is to mobilize grassroots support for a national effort to get a favorable vote in Congress.

In effect, there is no such thing as conducting a “national” campaign. As former Speaker of the House Tip O’Neil said: “All politics is local.” And the nature of politics and lobbying demands that any nationwide campaign be

50 separate campaigns conducted in 50 individual states. To coordinate those campaigns, a “command central” office is established to build data bases and manage the lobbying efforts on the Hill.

The Citizens Flag Alliance, Inc., (CFA) is the coordinating office of our
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HELP KEEP CFA FLYING

To date, The America Legion has invested \$2.5 million in the effort to protect our Flag. Without continued funding, the campaign and the money already invested may go for naught—a true tragedy when we're so close to moving the issue off Capitol Hill and into the states. Won't you please help by donating?

Credit card contributions may be made by calling 1-800-424-FLAG. If you use your Legion MBNA credit card, MBNA will match your donation up to \$100. Or you can send a check to: The American Legion/CFA, P.O. Box 781020, Indianapolis, IN 46278-8020.

The Flag was firm and soft, like a swaddled newborn. I held it in my arms and the house was dark.

I hated to leave my mother alone grieving in that empty house. Halfway to Boston I turned the car around, found a lumberyard open late, bought a 12-foot pole and some hardware, and headed north back to my parents' home.

Arriving there, I got the ladder and my tools and built a flagpole out over the front door. By midnight, it was finished, painted white, ready.

Early the next morning, I unfurled Dad's Flag, hung it on the new flagpole, and said goodbye to Mum. Turning to wave as I drove away, I saw Dad's Flag flutter gently in the morning light. I knew right then that this Flag and pole were my statement to the world of my dad's sacrifice.

A year ago when I voted in the Senate, I thought of my father's Flag, but I had lost touch with what it meant in my heart. Not until that quiet August afternoon in Belvedere, among veterans of other wars, did I fully understand that the Flag issue is—and should be—about what we *feel*, not what we think.

I've listened closely to all the rational arguments about freedom of speech, symbols versus reality, and what Madison really meant in the *Federalist Papers*. In fact, I've even made some of these arguments myself.

They miss the point.

The point is, this *is* the American Flag. It's the only Flag we've got. This Flag stands for everything that is good about this country. Trampling and burning the Flag is not a political protest; it is, in fact, a frontal assault upon the values and feelings of the women and men who helped to build and protect what's best about this country.

The American Flag deserves special recognition and protection, even if five people on the Supreme Court don't think so.

This year, Vermont's Senate did the right thing by passing a resolution to protect the Flag. By contrast, Vermont's House of Representatives has rejected the resolution. Now it's time for the House to listen to its heart and join with the Senate in saying that values matter. Respect matters. The Flag matters. □

HOW THE LEGION HELD SWAY ON ENOLA GAY

An inside look at how the Legion's unflagging commitment to history—and to the veterans who gave their lives to shape it—triumphed over political correctness.

ON JAN. 30, 1995, Smithsonian Institution Secretary I. Michael Heyman announced the cancellation of the controversial exhibit, "The Last Act: The Atomic Bomb and the End of World War II." The exhibit, featuring a portion of the historic B-29, Enola Gay, ignited a firestorm of its own when details of the display first were unveiled by the National Air and Space Museum.

THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE recently discussed the Legion's role in the cancellation with National Commander William M. Detweiler, Internal Affairs Commission Chairman Herman G. Harrington, and Internal Affairs Director Hubert R. Dagley II.

AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE: Commander Detweiler, why would The American Legion oppose the display of such a historic aircraft as the Enola Gay? Isn't that inconsistent with the Legion's obligation to "preserve the memories and incidents" of Americans at war?

COMMANDER DETWEILER: Not at all. In the first place, The American Legion did not oppose the display of the aircraft. There seems to have been some confusion on that point. From the outset, The American Legion's position



was—and remains—that the Enola Gay should be displayed in its entirety, without extraneous comment and bias, and that is reflected in the three resolutions passed since May 1994 speaking to this controversy. What we opposed was the National Air and Space Museum (NASM) using the aircraft as a pretext to mount an exhibit that was clearly anti-American.

Q. Mr. Harrington, as the Commander's representative on this issue, what was your role?

HARRINGTON: After the first Legion resolution was passed, we wrote letters to the President, members of Congress and others involved in overseeing the museum. I believe, although I have not talked with him, that Rep. "Sonny" Montgomery of Mississippi suggested Smithsonian officials meet with us to try and head off our opposition. Dagley and I went to Washington in May and met with Smithsonian Undersecretary Constance Newman, NASM director Martin Harwit and the exhibit curators. They made it perfectly clear that they intended to mount this exhibit their way, but it was also clear that they could not afford to have the Legion oppose it.

DAGLEY: They talked to us like our heads were screwed on. That was the first time they underestimated The Ameri-



WE TRIED—The Legion attempted to iron out differences with the Smithsonian many times. Seated at one such meeting in Washington, D.C., second from left: Nat'l. Cmdr. William Detweiler, Internal Affairs Director Hugh Dagley, and Internal Affairs Commission Chairman Herm Harrington.

can Legion, but it wasn't the last.

HARRINGTON: After that meeting, we continued to press our objections. In the meantime, internal divisions in NASM erupted, other veterans organizations critiqued the script and opposition grew. Just before the National Convention in Minneapolis, Newman and Harwit offered to come to our commission meeting to brief members

on the exhibit, and we accepted their offer. But before their briefing, Newman met privately with then-National Commander Bruce Thiesen and clearly indicated that NASM needed to find a way out of the controversy. One way, Newman suggested, would be for The American Legion and NASM officials to review the script together, line by line. For us to do that, Legion opposition had to be suspended during the review, and to their undying credit, delegates to the National Convention approved Res. 341, which allowed the Commander wide authority to conduct the line-by-line review.

DAGLEY: One of the criticisms of the review process was that only The American Legion was involved. In point of fact, several other veterans organizations were given precisely the same opportunity. Not one agreed to do it. Some simply would not deal with officials at NASM, others didn't respond to the invitation, and others believed nothing would come of it. The American Legion recognized

HIGHLIGHTS

The Legion On...

The Enola Gay display: "What we opposed was the National Air and Space Museum using the aircraft as a pretext to mount an exhibit that was clearly anti-American."

The Smithsonian's attitude: "They talked to us like our heads were screwed on. They underestimated The American Legion."

The battle: "We met face to face with many members of Congress to explain our position and ask for their help and support. And we got it."

The script: "The exhibit was fundamentally flawed, and simply making sure equal measures of suffering were portrayed would not remove the flaw."



that the investment of time and energy in a review process was absolutely essential to our credibility and to an informed opposition if the exhibit, when all was said and done, remained an affront to the nation.

Q. How did you conduct the review?

DETWEILER: We attended our first meeting with NASM on Sept. 12 in a small conference room at the museum. Harrington, Dagley and I walked in and came face to face with Undersecretary Newman, Director Harwit, the two curators, two retired Air Force colonels, one retired Air Force general, the PR director, the Government Relations director and a handful of exhibit designers, planners and artists. I think it was 14 of them to three of us.

HARRINGTON: I think NASM expected us to approach the review process the way others had, but the Commander put it to them quickly and succinctly. He said, "we're not interested in trading gore for gore." By that he meant—and they understood—that we believed the exhibit was fundamentally flawed, and that simply making sure that equal measures of suffering were portrayed would not remove the flaw.

DETWEILER: Dagley characterized it—and I think rather well—as finding a thread in a tapestry and tugging on it gently and steadily until it was totally removed from the fabric of the exhibit. It was a laborious and painstaking process, requiring that we link an apparently innocuous word or phrase to other phrases or conclusions that appeared later in the script. It was forward and backward, and forward again, page by page, line by line. And in almost every instance, we provided documentation, references and citations for our position. In others, we simply asked NASM to provide the evidence to support its assertions. When they couldn't, we asked that it be removed.

HARRINGTON: We also recognized that it was not inappropriate for the exhibit to contain vivid images of ground zero. We did argue successfully that repetitive images of the same effect be removed, but we never asked for or suggested that the effect of the bombing be ignored.

DAGLEY: At the same time, we provided evidence and documentation of the incredible savagery of the fighting throughout the Pacific, the wanton slaughter of Chinese

peasants, the systematic murder of Allied prisoners of war, the destructiveness of conventional bombing, and the decisions of the Imperial Japanese Government that placed its own citizens—children, particularly—in harm's way as conscripted defense workers. You know, a little balance, maybe?

DETWEILER: It became clear to them pretty quickly that we intended to confront them on their own turf—no hysterics, no emotionalism, no threats. And then, NASM made another crucial blunder. For some reason, which I don't understand to this day, they agreed to a joint press conference in which the NASM/Legion working relationship would be announced to the public.

DAGLEY: That press conference conferred on The American Legion the imprimatur of legitimacy in the process, propelled us to leadership on the issue, and focused intense pressure on NASM from its supporters in the peace movement, the anti-war and anti-nuclear movements and in academia. In my opinion, they were iced from that point forward.

Q. You had how many more sessions with NASM?

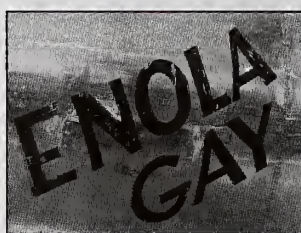
DETWEILER: Two more, a total of about 36 hours, twice in Washington and once in Indianapolis. After the meeting in Indianapolis in October, we were informed by NASM Director Harwit that the script emerging from that session would be the last revision. There would be no more. Time was growing short, he said, and his staff needed to get on with putting the exhibit in place.

HARRINGTON: In fact, shortly after that NASM moved the Enola Gay—rather, the 56 feet of the forward fuselage that was going to be in the exhibit—into the museum.

Q. So it is fair to say that you were satisfied with the script at that point?

DETWEILER: No. As a matter of fact, we left the last meeting with a major disagreement over including the findings of the 1946 Strategic Bombing Survey in the script. We wanted it out; Dr. Harwit said it stayed. We agreed only to disagree. But we also felt the pressure of time. If the exhibit

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VETERANS UNDER FIRE ON TWO FRONTS

YOU SERVE your country, but get hurt in the process—shot, blown up, captured and tortured as a POW. Then you come home and watch as Congress tries to “balance the budget on the backs of the veterans,” as Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jesse Brown puts it.

Veterans receiving compensation or pension, and widows and orphans of veterans who are getting DIC payments, are among the cutback targets being reviewed by a specially appointed entitlement reform committee (“reform” being something of a code

word for “cuts” these days).

Among the items being considered by the committee is option 43b, which suggests that \$23 million dollars can be saved over five years if the government slashes veterans compensation by 25 percent. Other “options” include capping compensation and pension programs, freezing COLAs, removing all special monthly compensation (such as clothing allowances for veterans with prosthetics), eliminating payments to anyone rated less than 30 percent, and placing a means test on compensation that would deny payments to veterans above a set income threshold. And

here’s the best part: After the former cuts are enacted, whatever disability payments are left may be made taxable.

“I resent the fact that Congress will spend \$250 billion a year getting us ready to go to war, then when the troops come back, they want to nickel and dime us to death,” said Brown, speaking at The American Legion Service Officers School in Washington in February. “Quite frankly, I think we’ve already paid our fair share.”

As for pledges to “grandfather” benefits, Brown cautions veterans not to be fooled: “What can be grandfathered can easily be *un*grandfathered later.”

...And Quit Whining, too

It appears that Washington wants to be able to make its cuts without hearing any guff from veterans’ advocates—at least if the menacing words of a powerful senator are any indication.

During the organizational session of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee in February, Wyoming Sen. Alan Simpson, the new committee chairman, had this to say about veterans’ groups:

“I have been tough on them. They have been tough on me. That will likely continue. Sometimes I have referred to some of them as professional fundraising veterans. They have that right, but I do not admire the way they beat up on Congress.... This country owes its veterans much and we have always, always met that need.

“[But] I would prefer not to hear horror stories. For every horror story I get from them, I will tell a horror story back. I’ll be looking at their operational activities, their budgets within their internal organizations. They can’t come here and try to get their members worked up and then when you examine their own budgets you find assets and investments of millions of dollars.... So if they are going to come here and ask about the internal workings of VA and this committee, I want to know about the internal workings of theirs—how they raise their money, how much they have on hand, what their pensions are,

their health care....”

Simpson’s ominous words may have set the tone for the new Congress. National Adjutant Robert Spanogle was told by one legislator that VA was a “corrupt and immoral institution that should be done away with.” Spanogle urges Legionnaires and other veterans to contact their elected officials and express their outrage.

National Commander William M. Detweiler was similarly incensed by the comments of columnist William Safire, who called the VA health-care system “a sacred cow that should be put out to pasture.”

Said Detweiler, “They are talking almost as if veterans health-care should end. This is unconscionable. Neither threats from Congress nor baseless accusations by editorial writers will deter The American Legion in its 76-year-long commitment to defending veterans’ rights and the benefits they paid for in service and blood.”

Legionnaires may write their senators at the U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510, and their representatives at U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515. The Senate phone number is (202) 224-3121. The House number is (202) 225-3121.

Some Better News

Gulf War veterans afflicted with what has been termed Gulf War Syndrome (GWS) are now eligible for ser-

vice-connected compensation. VA has completed its rules to compensate GWS veterans based on laws passed during the last session of Congress. The first checks were distributed in late February. To be eligible, a veteran’s symptoms must have become apparent within two years after leaving the Gulf. The illness must be at least 10-percent disabling and must be chronic—that is, of long duration.

The 13 symptoms VA considers linked to GWS include fatigue, skin problems, hair loss, headache, muscle pain, neurological ailments, respiratory problems, sleep disturbances, gastrointestinal difficulties, cardiovascular problems, unusual weight loss, menstrual abnormalities, and psychological symptoms (such as memory loss).

Hotlines

Gulf War veterans may call VA’s new hotline for the latest information on claims or recent research. The number is (800) PGW-VETS (1-800-749-8387). For those with computers, VA may also be accessed online through (800) US1-VETS (1-800-871-8387).

For those on active duty, the Defense Department maintains its own hotline, (800) 769-9699, which is in service weekdays from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m., Eastern Time. The Legion advises any Gulf veterans experiencing GWS ailments to contact their nearest Legion Service Officer to file a VA claim. □

UNCODED MESSAGE: PROTECT OUR FLAG!

THE NAVAJO code talkers baffled the Japanese with cryptic communications during World War II, but the message they brought to Washington, D.C., in February was loud and clear: *Don't burn our Flag.*

Representatives of the Navajo Code Talkers Association conveyed that heartfelt sentiment while attending 50th anniversary ceremonies of the invasion of Iwo Jima at Arlington National Cemetery. "The Flag means a lot of things: patriotism, freedom, democracy, freedom of speech and religion," said 68-year-old Sam Billison, the association president, who is principal of the Ganado Middle School, Unified School District of Ganado, Ariz. "I keep thinking what a great country this is. I think about those who gave the supreme sacrifice at Iwo Jima."

The Marine Corps recruited and trained 420 Navajo Indians in radio communications during the war in the Pacific. Because the Japanese had no knowledge of the Navajo language, they were unable to break the code. "Were it not for the Navajos, we would



GREAT SCOTT—The *Today Show* weatherman Willard Scott interviews Navajo Code Talker Thomas Begay during the Iwo Jima 50th anniversary commemoration.

PHOTO BY CHUCK BURNS

have never taken Iwo Jima," said Marine Maj. Howard Conner, the commander of the code talker unit in 1945. When the Flag was raised on Mt. Surabachi, the word was radioed back to the command ship in Navajo.

Eight of the less than 100 Navajo code talkers alive today were able to participate in the Iwo Jima commemoration, courtesy of the Citizens Flag Alliance, Inc. (CFA), which provided airfare and lodging for them and their families.

"I really enjoyed getting to see the people who served on Iwo Jima again. It was like seeing family,"

said Billison. "We are real thankful to the Citizens Flag Alliance for providing us an opportunity to attend the memorial service."

Billison believes that his country needs him and his group again. That is why The Navajo Code Talkers Association has become one of 91 national organizations to join the CFA.

The organizations represent more than 28 million individuals who have joined CFA's efforts to secure a constitutional amendment to protect the Flag from physical desecration. The amendment would allow Congress and the states to pass flag-protection legislation.

In addition, 46 states have passed memorializing resolutions to protect the Flag. Only Hawaii, Oregon, Vermont and Washington have yet to pass resolutions.

To join the CFA, receive petitions or make a donation, call:

(800) 424-FLAG

(800) 424-3524

What America is saying about the Flag campaign

"Men and women of all races have served and died in defense of our Flag. It waves for all of us—regardless of color. It's time for those of us in the silent majority of African-Americans to speak up in support of the Flag and the Flag-protection amendment."

—Rev. Imagee B. Stewart, president of the African-American Women's Clergy Association

"Until recently, I served in the Vermont senate, and when the senate debated the Flag resolution last year, I was among the majority who opposed the resolution. I was wrong."

—John Carroll, former majority leader of the Vermont Senate and 1994 Republican candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives.

"The Constitution's not made of crystal. You are the servants of the people. The will of the people is simply not being carried out."

—Jim Harlow of Thetford, Vt., urging the Vermont House Judiciary Committee to support a state memorializing resolution to protect the Flag.

"I'm not a member, but I will be as of now."

—Ron Dufour of New Britain, Conn., at a Department of Connecticut Flag rally.

"This is my opinion 100 percent."

—Bob Schlegel, chairman of the Pine Township Board of Supervisors in Monroeville, Pa., after the board unanimously approved a resolution supporting a constitutional amendment to protect the U.S. Flag.

WELCOME TO THE ALLIANCE

SUPPORT for the Citizens Flag Alliance, Inc. (CFA) grows. As of March, CFA membership included 91 organizations representing 29 million Americans. The most recent organizations to sign on are:

- American Diamond Veterans Association
- Chosin Few Great Council of Texas, Order of Red Men
- Grand Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles
- Navajo Code Talkers Association
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ENOLA GAY FALLOUT CONTINUES

WITH ITS highly biased Enola Gay exhibit cancelled thanks to a public outcry led by The American Legion, the Smithsonian Institution now wants to host a more politically neutral version sometime in August.

Current plans call for the downsized exhibit to display part of the Enola Gay's fuselage along with a cassette recording of the crew, and an opinion-free script stating the aircraft's role in ending the war.

But the Enola Gay fiasco is far from over, with many important questions remaining unanswered.

"The biggest question," says American Legion National Commander William M. Detweiler, "is how did the National Air and Space Museum [NASM] allow this to happen? Why would they mount an exhibit that maligns the valor of Americans who fought the war in the Pacific?"

Before the Smithsonian mothballed its slanted version of history, Congress threatened to conduct hearings to determine why the exhibit presented America and its fighting men in such a poor light. Rep. Sam Johnson of Texas, recently appointed by House Speaker Newt Gingrich to the Smithsonian's Board of Regents, says hearings on the Enola Gay and other Smithsonian exhibits may still take place.

More than 80 members of Congress wrote to the Smithsonian expressing anger at the exhibit's original content, and Rep. Bob Stump of Arizona says many in Congress remain outraged.

Smithsonian Secretary Michael Heyman has promised to oversee a "management review" of the NASM. Said Stump, a WWII veteran who fought on Okinawa: "We went back and forth with the exhibit and facts and figures, but the Smithsonian backed off so Heyman could keep his job."

Stump said the reputation of the Smithsonian was not damaged by the flap over the Enola Gay. However, he feels that Heyman did not learn any lasting lessons from the incident, thus additional controversies are "possible" as long as Heyman remains in his Smithsonian position. "He has no more concern for whether the truth is distorted or not," said Stump.

The Smithsonian plans to display only the forward part of the plane's fuselage containing the bomb bay and cockpit. During testimony before the House Committee on Appropriations, which was meeting to discuss the Smithsonian's proposed

● Congress established the Smithsonian Institution on Aug. 10, 1846, as a federally chartered nonprofit corporation.

● The institution is governed by a Board of Regents that consists of the Chief Justice, Vice President, three members from both the House and Senate, and nine private citizens appointed by joint resolution of Congress.

● The Smithsonian Institution is made up of 16 museums and a zoo.

● The National Air and Space Museum is the most-visited museum in the world.

● Of the Smithsonian's \$445 million budget, 85 percent comes from American taxpayers.

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budget for fiscal year 1996, National Commander Detweiler said the Legion is willing to raise funds to display the airplane in its entirety.

"If the Smithsonian says the funds are not there for such an exhibit," says Detweiler, "then they should work with us."

THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE has received hundreds of letters in support of the Legion's strong stand on the issue. (For an inside look at the Legion's role in getting the original exhibit cancelled, see "How the

Legion Held Sway on Enola Gay," Page 34.) Dozens of readers said they had cancelled their memberships in the Smithsonian because of the exhibit. Overall, according to Rep. Johnson, at least 10,000 people have dropped their Smithsonian memberships.

"Many exhibits have been permeated by revisionist historians who are not concerned with the factual information but the way they want to tell history," said Johnson.

He added that the Smithsonian has strayed from its prescribed, chartered mission of highlighting what Americans have done throughout history. Johnson charged, for example, that in the original Enola Gay exhibit, the Smithsonian relied more on Japanese than American sources for exhibit materials.

According to Johnson, the Smithsonian needs to "turn around—it is a runaway institution that has no regard for the items it possesses and should be protecting." He promised that the Board of Regents and the institution's secretary will take a more active role in the museum's future management. □



CHICAGO HOPE—More than 220 Legionnaires gathered in the Department of Illinois's Chicago office for a press conference to oppose the Enola Gay exhibit. Seated at table from left is Past National Commander John Geiger; Jim Balchur, the mayor's veterans activities coordinator; and Anthony Carmen, Past Commander of the Illinois Legion's 1st Division.

PHOTO BY ANNE KATANY

PRESERVING THE MEMORIES...

MEMORIAL Day is a time to reflect on those who have died while serving their country in uniform. Legionnaires, Posts and communities devote many hours of work on museums, memorials and a variety of projects to honor America's veterans on that day and throughout the year. Here's a sampling of just some of these efforts from across the country—and in one case—across the ocean.

A Memorial Has Landed

SOME 40 Navy veterans ranging in ages from 30 to 74 will serve as the crew of a WWII U.S. Tank Landing Ship (LST) that will be brought back home from Taiwan this summer. The LST will be homeported in New Orleans, where it will become a museum.

The Government of Free China is donating one of the U.S. LSTs it bought to the USS LST Ship Memorial Inc., the project organizers. The LST will be selected after inspections to determine seaworthiness.

One of the memorial group's members, Bill Irwin of Post 237, Huntsville, Ala., said the trip from Taiwan to San Francisco would take 54 days, not counting a liberty stop for the crew. The U.S. Department of Defense will supply fuel and oil to the ship at cost.

National Commander Detweiler plans to attend the ship's homecoming as it passes under the Golden Gate Bridge on Aug. 14.

More than 1,000 LSTs took to the seas

in World War II, landing troops and equipment on hostile beaches, including Normandy at D-Day and later at Inchon during the Korean War. Today the craft are decommissioned, being used as targets or have been sold to foreign countries.

William G. Shoemaker Post 345, Lynn, Mass.

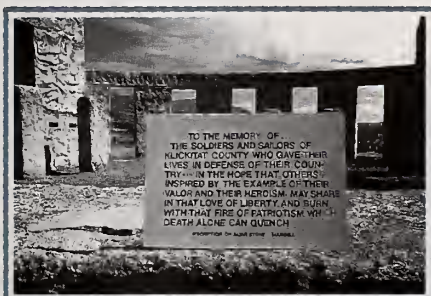
CELEBRATING 50 years of service to its community this year is the William G. Shoemaker Post 345 of Lynn, Mass. To honor its namesake, the Post has compiled a book of memories of the WWII Marine who was killed in action. Shoemaker earned two Navy Crosses and two Silver Stars for his heroism on Guam. He also was awarded three Purple Hearts.



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WWI Stonehenge Memorial

Time, weather and neglect have taken their toll on a memorial to WWI veterans in Washington State. But Post 116 of Goldendale, Wash., has come to the memorial's aid, and has so far raised \$15,000 of the \$40,000 needed to refurbish



Stonehenge replica memorial to World War I veterans.

it. The Post also plans to add a plaque acknowledging donors.

The memorial, which is a replica of England's Stonehenge, was dedicated in 1918 as the first WWI memorial in the United States. It includes 13 plaques naming soldiers and sailors from Klickitat County, Wash., who gave their lives during the war.

From The Depths

THE U.S. Submarine Veterans of World War II are planning to build a Wall of Honor to memorialize the men who lost their lives in submarine duty during the war. The wall, which is planned for construction in Groton, Conn., a submarine training site, will be engraved with the names of about 3,600 submariners. Unveiling of the memorial is scheduled for Sept. 2.

Stop The Presses For This Museum

FORMER *Stars and Stripes* staffers of both the Pacific and European editions are planning to build a museum for the newspaper in Bloomfield, Mo., the site of the original

Stars and Stripes published during the Civil War. Post 382 of Bloomfield has been instrumental in getting the effort started. Donors have already given the museum historic items such as the original U.P. teletype flash, "Pres. Truman Fires Gen. MacArthur," and the "In Memory Of..." letter

issued by Gen. John Pershing.

Anyone with possible items to donate should contact: Friends of the Stars and Stripes Museum/Library, P.O. Box 1861 Bloomfield, MO. 63825.

High Schoolers And Medal Of Honor Recipients

FOUR high school students in Audubon, N.J., organized the construction of a monument dedicated to the town's three Medal of Honor recipients—Samuel M. Sampler, Edward C. Benfold and Nelson V. Brittin.

The students, Derek Everman, Melanie Aubrey, Scott Johnson and Anthony Simeone, spent nine months working on the memorial before it was dedicated on



Medal of Honor recipient memorial in Audubon, N.J.

July 4, 1994. The black granite memorial features the heroes' faces and service records.

For their efforts, the students received commendations and citations from President Clinton and the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and the four were awarded the George Washington Honor Medal from the Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge, Pa. □



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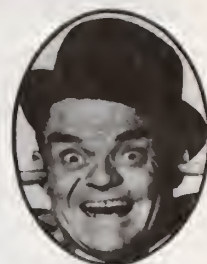
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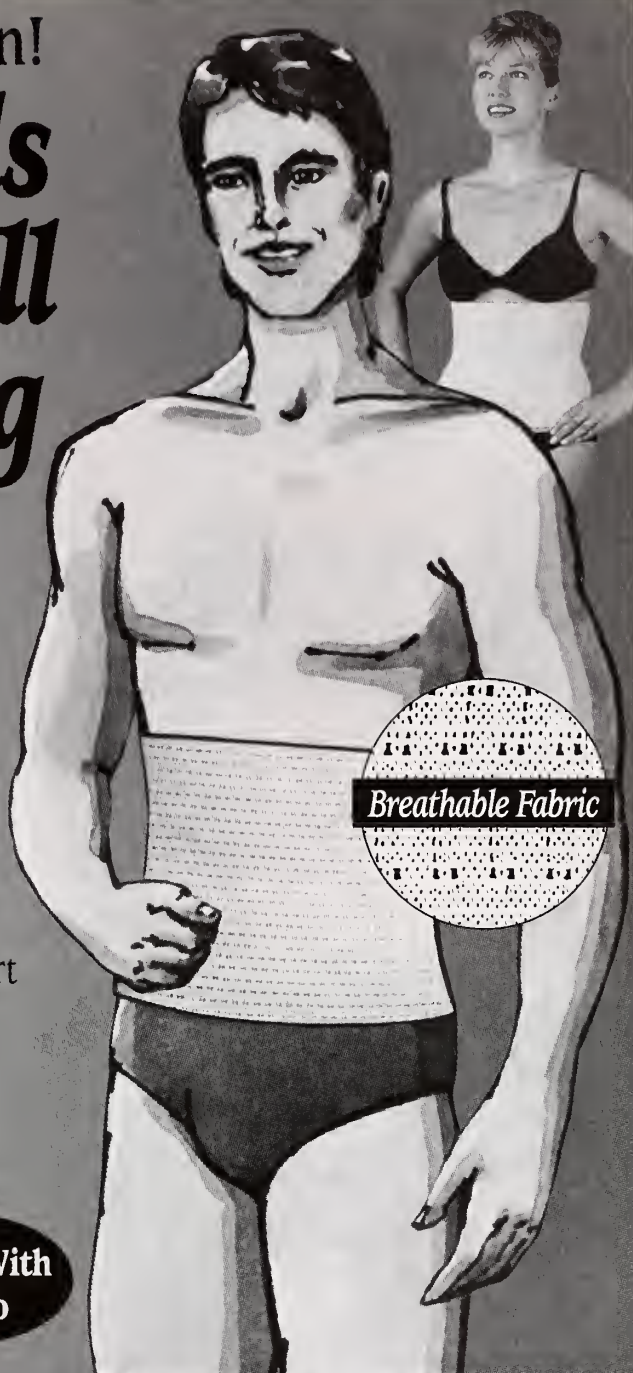
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 69th Ftr.Bmbr. Sq., "Werewolves" Assn. (Korea) #15068
 82nd A/B Div: 3rd Brig. (VN 68/69) #19381
 82nd Bomb Grp., 327th Bomb Sq. (1951/54) #11747
 82nd FLTG "Mobileer/Fld.Trainers" #13979
 84th Bomb Sq. (L) Jet #18796
 86th, 87th, 320th, 321st Transport Sq., 519th, 520th Serv. Sq. #13989
 86th Base Sv. Sq. (Germany, 51/55) #19186
 90th Bomb Sqn. "Paradice", (Korea, 52/55) #19578
 92nd Bomb Wing, 325th Bomb Sq. (1950/62) #11630
 99th Bomb Grp. (H) #15147
 157th AC&W Grp., 131st AC Sq. (Korea) #12358
 301st AF, 120 Combat Mission, MAC #19535
 310th Fighter-Bomber Sq (Korea) #24048
 311th Ftr. Sq. (WWII) & 311th Ftr. Bomber Sq. (Korea) #22899
 324th Ftr. Grp., 315th Ftr. Sq. #15146
 435th Troop Carrier Wing, Flamingo Wing

(WWII, Korea, Vietnam) #21241
 456th Bomb Grp. Assn. #15065
 501st TAC Grp, 603rd AC&W Sq, 12th AF (48/65) #21076
 517th Air Police Sq. (Wiesbaden, Germany) #13715
 525th Ftr. Intcpt. Sq. (Bitburg Germany) #14792
 619th AC&W Sq. (Ratidian Point, Guam 1947-49) #18910
 648th AC & W Sq. (Benton PA, 1951/54) #12697
 908th XO Career Field (All Grades)(Vet.Serv.) #13871
 2750th ABW Air Police #14031
 3502nd USAF Recruiting Gp. #13919
 7100th AP Sq. (USAF-Wiesbaden, Ger. 58/62) #21308
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 Air Force Postal & Courier Assn. (AFPCA) #10869
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 Physiological Training-Offutt AFB #19181
 RAF Bentwaters/Woodbridge Base (England, 1968/74) #19362
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 2nd Airdrome Sq. (WWII) #11289
 2nd ARU (Floating) #19214
 2nd SAD (Strat. Air Dpt. Little Staughton & Abbots Ripton) #16861
 4th Ferrying Grp., ATC: Nashville & Memphis (WWII) #13061
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 30th Bomb Grp. Assn. (WWII) #16829
 33rd Air Dpt. Grp. (WWII) #16769
 2nd Bomb Grp., 69th Bomb Sq. (13th AF, WWII) #16859
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 56th Ftr. Grp. & All Support Sqs.(1941/Present) #15072
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 66th Airdrome Sq. (WWII) #20246
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 69th Sta. Comp. Sq., 8th AF (ETO WWII) #15054
 71st Fighter Wing #16759
 81st Ftr Sq. (WWII) #16872
 82nd Ftr Grp, 95th/96th/97th Sqdn's (WWII) #10275
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 87th Dpt. Rpr. Sq. (WWII) #16897
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 394th Bomb Grp., 584th Bomb Sq. (WWII) #16831
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 Pilot Class 44-I, Eastern Flying Training Command #13583
 Pilot Class 45-C (Marfa TX) #11513
 Pilot Classes 44:(G,H,I,J) (WWII) #14972
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 1st Mar. Div., 1st Rgt., 1st Bn., C Co. (Korea, WWII) #21297
 1st Mar. Div., 1st Rgt., 2nd Bn. (Vietnam Era 1965/71) #14799
 1st Mar. Div., 5th Rgt., 1st Bn., C Co. (Korea) #19600
 1st Mar. Div., 5th Rgt., Hq. & Serv. Co. #11741
 1st Mar. Div., 7th Rgt., 2nd Bn., "H" Co. (Vietnam) #18970
 1st Mar. Div., 7th Rgt., 3rd Bn., I Co. (Vietnam) #17179
 1st Mar. Div. Recon Co. Hqs Bn (Korea 50/53) #12636
 1st Rgt, 3rd Bn, Lima Co (VN) #19457
 2nd Airdrome Bn., 17th AAA Bn. (WWII) #21009
 2nd Arm'd Amphib. Bn. (WWII) #17197
 2nd Mar. Div., 2nd Med. Bn., D Co. (WWII) #23075
 3rd Amph. Corps Signal Bn. #17212
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New date for Washington Conference. Next year's Washington Conference has been moved to later in the year: March 29-April 3, 1996. It is also being hosted by a new hotel, the Hyatt Regency Washington at 400 New Jersey Avenue, NW. The Hyatt is closer to Capitol Hill and will provide Legionnaires with easy access to the offices of congressmen and senators.

Awards. The following awards were presented at the conference:

- The American Legion Distinguished Public Service Award to Rep. Bob Livingston of Louisiana for service to The American Legion and veterans.

- The National Commander's Public Relations Award to ABC news correspondent Jack Smith, for his news documentary on his return to the site of the 1965 battle of the Ia Drang Valley, where he was wounded during the Vietnam War.

- The VA&R Commission's Volunteer of the Year Award to Frazier E. Gentzler III of Post 125 in Louisiana.

- The National Security Commission's Certificate of Excellence to John J. Wrenn of Massachusetts for having served over 26 years as Chairman of the National Naval Affairs Committee.

- And the Economic Commission provided citations for excellence in service to veterans to two former U.S. Office of Personnel Management employees: Robert Carbonneau of Post 9 in Derry, NH and Don A. Smith. □

—Miles Z. Epstein

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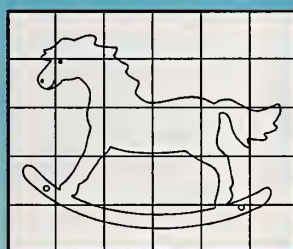
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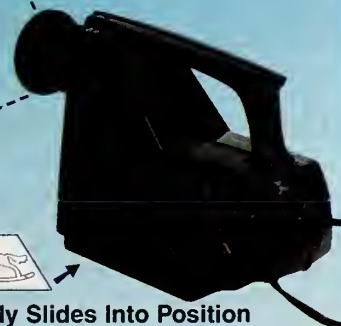
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AT FIRST, I thought it was nothing more than the kind of flu I used to get as a kid, but it kept getting worse in the summer of 1952.

C Btry., 936th FA Bn., was firing counter-battery on an abandoned ROK sanitary fill when suddenly I could no longer function. Medics transferred me to an aid station, then to the plexiglas bubble of a chopper. When I arrived at the 8228th MASH, the diagnosis was hemorrhagic fever.

A businesslike female captain processed me. "You've just come in from the ML?" she asked.

"Yes Ma'am—and you are the most beautiful thing I've ever seen!"

She grinned, "You have been up there a long time."

In the miserable days and endless nights that followed, I wanted to die, but she wouldn't let me. After 43 years I can still hear her: "C'mon 'Kansas.' C'mon! Hang with us! Hang on!"

One day, when I could hobble around outside the ward, I saw a young Korean mother pawing through hospital garbage cans with a tiny baby on her hip. Using bad Korean and sign language, I tried to tell her what a lovely child she had.

She held out the baby to me and said, "You take to America! Educate!"

In civilian life, the words of this young lady kept coming back and eventually I became a professor of English. I'll retire this year after nearly 30 years of teaching, thanks in large measure to two women I met in Korea—one who saved my life and one who gave it direction—neither of whose names I ever knew.

And then there are times when some good comes out of war. For the black soldier, the Korean War was the long-awaited dawn of a new age of enlightenment—one which Joseph L. Stephenson of Upper Marlboro, Md., welcomed.

IN 1952, as a black Army captain, I had volunteered and found myself commanding an unusual mix of soldiers—120 whites, 20 blacks and 6 Koreans—in a heavy weapons company of the 7th Inf. Div. Not unusual today, perhaps, but until then my whole military career since 1942 had been in a segregated Army.

But after the Chinese intervened,

our manpower shortage dictated a need for soldiers. In 1951, Gen. Matthew Ridgeway asked for and received permission to use military personnel according to need and not race.

My first sergeant was from Louisiana and the machine-gun platoon sergeant was from Mississippi. The other members of the company came from different parts of the country. We were a magnificent fighting machine without racial friction.

Now when I hear the haunting ballad, "The Wheels of Fortune," by that dynamic singer, Kay Starr, I go back to that period when men had begun to be judged by their abilities and not by the color of their skin.

One thing about war never changes. Those who fight them always pray it will end. In Korea, the hope for peace often took a cruel turn, as Robert McGinn of Huntington, W.Va., recalls.

OUR 3rd Bn., 7th Rgt., 3rd Inf., had relieved a battered British Commonwealth battalion from a grisly, shell-torn hill known as "Little Gibraltar" (Hill 355) on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 22. For a week we had received some of the heaviest shelling of the war.

During the early morning hours of Nov. 28, 1951, a rumor spread through our bunkers like wildfire: Truce negotiators at Panmunjom had reached a cease fire agreement.

All that was lacking was the official announcement proclaiming an armistice. All artillery fire ceased and by noon not a single rifle shot could be heard along our front.

That afternoon there was much rejoicing. The Chinese forces were also celebrating. By mid-afternoon we could see them playing volleyball in the flats below their position.

But our celebration was cut short. That night a communiqué from 8th Army HQ read: *There is of this date, Nov. 28, 1951, no cease fire in Korea.*

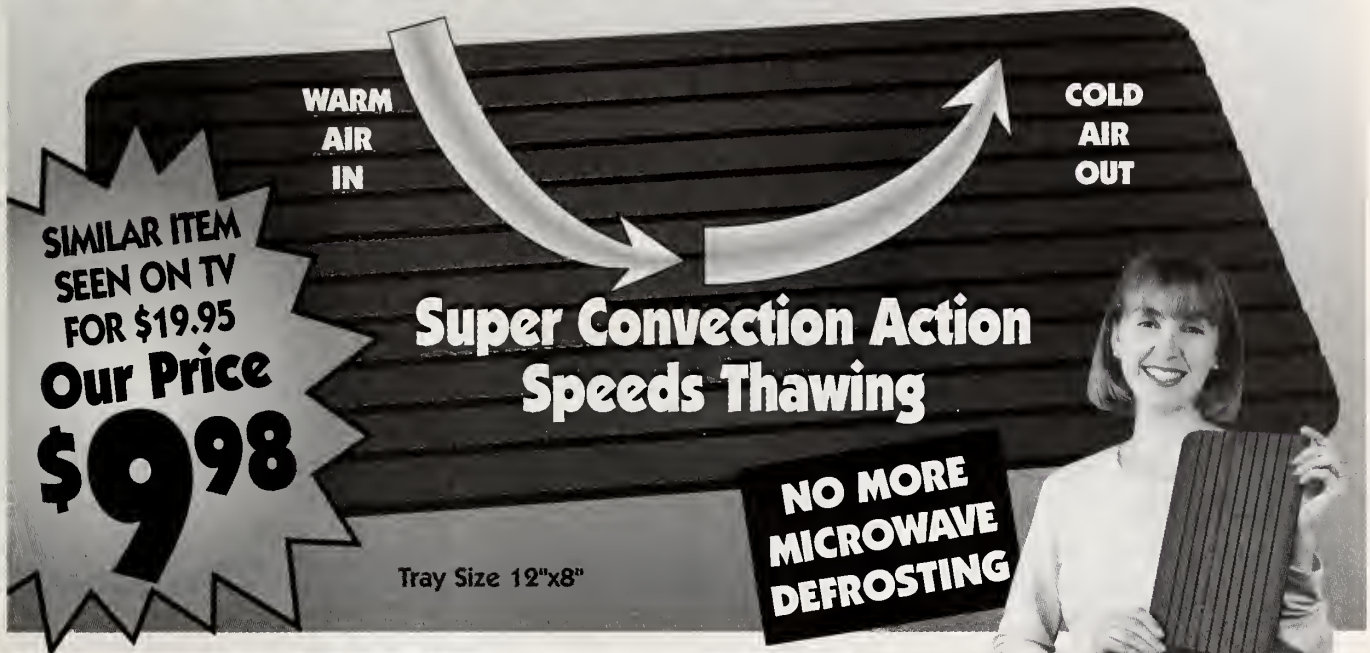
In the early morning of Nov. 29, 1951, our artillery opened up in full force on enemy hill positions and rear troop staging areas. The war was on again.

The Korean War Veterans Memorial depicts spectral, wind-blown figures marching toward the Flag, much like the haunting images Glenn Zerie of Garrison, N.D., cannot forget.

IT WAS my first visit to the MLR. We had stopped at the checkpoint for clearance before recovering a litter jeep that had overturned in a ravine. Its

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driver had missed the road when returning from an outpost in fog and predawn darkness. The checkpoint was atop a ridge where a large pegmatite dike or volcanic wall had been notched at an intersection of the road.

As we waited, three exhausted riflemen walking abreast slowly emerged from the fog, turned left and followed the wall to the road. As they came even with us they halted. I have never forgotten the look in those large white-rimmed, staring "combat eyes"—completely without expression. It was as though they were not seeing us, but were looking through us at the enemy lines. Saying nothing, they moved behind the wall and entered a bunker.

That incident took maybe four minutes in my life, but I have not forgotten it in 40 years.

Living conditions in the military have never been much to write home about. But even in war and a place like Korea, you learn to be

thankful for what you have. *Tom Wiechman of Taylor Mill, Ky., can attest to that.*

IT'S JANUARY 1953. My buddies and I are at the airport in Seoul waiting for a flight to Tokyo for R&R.

"Boy, have they got it made," one of the guys said, commenting on the plush Quonset huts the Air Force personnel were living in, including the one used as a day room with pool table, Ping-Pong table, etc. We were living in 12-man squad tents with no day room.

Not long after returning from R&R, the 2nd Inf. was rotated off the line and dispersed throughout the rear. A squad was sent to our company area to bivouac. An 18-year-old—I was an old 22 at the time—was amazed at our plush squad tent, with the brick floor and stove at each end.

"You guys have it made," he says. "All we had for cover was a pup tent."

Goes to show, you never know how good you have it, even during a war.

One of the bloodiest battles of the war was Pork Chop Hill. *Angelo Palermo of Oakmont, Pa.,* recalls that only 10 men in his company were not wounded or killed during the five solid days of fighting, much of it involving fixed bayonets.

THE CHINESE announced on their loudspeakers that they were going to attack us soon. They kept their word. In pouring rain the night of July 6, 1953, they came up the hill blowing their bugles. Our artillery, machine guns, rifles and flame throwers cut them down, but they kept coming. It was an awesome sight. When they began pouring into our trenches, we met them with our steel, but soon we were forced to withdraw.

Several hours later, other companies joined in the fighting that was to last five days. It was a seesaw battle with both sides counterattacking. My company—Co. A, 17th Inf. Rgt., 7th Inf. Div.—started with about 200 men and finished with 190 casualties.

Our executive officer, Lt. Richard T. Shea Jr., led three counterattacks with fixed bayonets. He was killed on July 8 leading an attack and later awarded the Medal of Honor. I was wounded July 9 and the outpost was lost July 11. Today, Pork Chop Hill is in no man's land on the DMZ.

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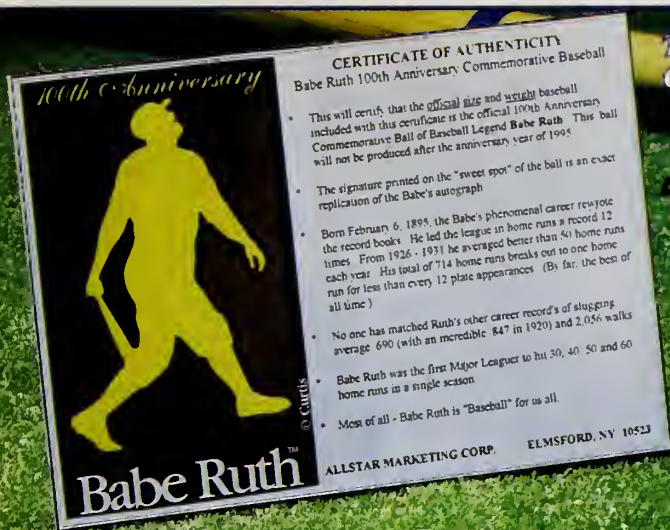
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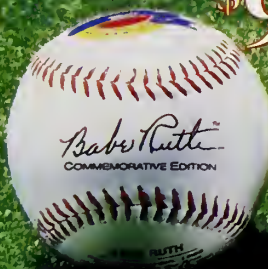
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vived. They would soon be going home. William J. Sweeney of Bronx, N.Y., recalls that day very well.

I WAS A sergeant with Co. K, 179th Inf. Rgt., 45th Inf. Div. We were in the trenches on the front line when word came down that a cease fire was going into effect in 24 hours.

That night the skies lit up like the 4th of July. The enemy was firing all their heavy and light weapons and we were doing the same. The barrage lasted right up until the hour the cease fire took effect.

Afterward, an eerie quiet fell over the area. We all stayed inside our huts for at least an hour after it quieted down. When a few soldiers started to make their way down to the mess area to get breakfast, you knew it was safe.

I said a silent prayer that it would last, and thanked God for getting me through without any injury. All I wanted was for my time to be up so I could go home.

It's bad enough to have to carry around the memories of battlefields, friends lost and the scars of war. Even worse is coming home to a less-than-grateful nation—as Jerome J. Hipscher of Orlando, Fla., found out.

RECALLING Korea is like trying to remember what hell is like. Yet, my most vivid memory is when I returned to America. I came home ready to go back to work, but I was told by my employer that I had been gone too long and had been replaced. Some people told me to fight the company, but the war was over for me and I was not interested in another.

Many Americans say, "It was only a police action, not a war." I keep asking myself, why did we fight this war?

Many asked that same question, but for some, out of the horror of Korea came opportunity. Ken Suddeth of Columbus, Ga., is now marshall of Muscogee County Municipal Court, but during the war he was...

A KOREAN orphan, I met my adopted father at the age of 4 and was brought to the United States 40 years ago when I was 7.

The U.S. soldiers were very generous in helping the needy, especially the kids. I was adopted by a soldier named

John Suddeth and I imagine that this is what led me to join the U.S. Air Force and serve two tours in Vietnam.

This was the most important way I could think of to show my gratitude to the man and the country that saved me.

The trip coming home from war is always filled with the anticipation of that first glimpse of the good old USA, be it the Statue of Liberty or the Golden Gate Bridge. Gerald B. Haley of Colusa, Calif., and other Korean veterans aboard a troop transport got an early hint of the "welcome" they would receive.

WE WERE due to dock in less than an hour. There were 1,500 infantry GIs three weeks out of combat and 200 Air Force enlisted men on board. For 13 days the anticipation had grown and nearly everyone was on deck in the cold fog waiting for the first glimpse of the United States.

The ship slowed to pick up the harbor pilot and start her approach into the bay. Then we broke out of the fog and there it was—sparkling in the sunshine—the great leap of the Golden Gate bridge and the gleaming city. There was a little self-conscious cheer and then silence as we strained to see it.

Suddenly, one of the men shouted, "Look, look!" and pointed toward the south end of the bridge and a huge sign that said "WELCOME HOME." Real cheering, handshaking, and broad smiles broke out.

Most of them didn't notice the sign was faded and part of the "C" was missing. They didn't know the sign had been built to greet other men coming home from another war. I had first seen this sign coming in from Okinawa on a destroyer in June 1945.

That would seem cause enough to build a Korean War Veterans Memorial. But perhaps there is an even deeper reason—one rooted in the undying memories of a little girl who watched her father climb upon a Trailways bus in 1950. Writes Pat Gateley of Nashville, Tenn.:

IT WAS June and hot. The old wooden rocker creaked on the boards of the front porch as Grandma tried to rock away her pain. Grandpa sat nearby, his elbows on his knees and a cigarette in his mouth. He pulled on it with a strength not usual for the old fellow and the smoke curled straight up behind him forming a frame around my father's face.

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"I won't be gone long," Dad said. "This stupid war will be over in no time and I'll be home."

With a final hug and kiss he put me down, picked up his duffel bag and walked the dirt lane that led to the highway. A Trailways bus stopped and father disappeared into it.

A large battery-powered radio, centrally placed in the living room, became the main attraction for my family after Dad left for Korea. I remember falling asleep in Grandpa's arms to the sound of static that was more plentiful than the news we waited so eagerly to hear. The fair came to town and left again. Thanksgiving was over and we received a letter full of hope and a promise. "I'll be home for Christmas." But he wasn't.

Dad's broken promise was heavy on my heart that Christmas and Pap's assurance that he would be there if he could didn't help.

The letters stopped and things got really quiet at our house. Pap didn't seem to have any energy and he spent most of his days in bed. Mam cooked, cleaned and spent lots of time in her rocker with the Bible.

Me? I watched at the window for the Trailways bus, convinced that no letters was a sure sign that my dad was on his way home.

We were notified in March 1951 that my dad had been captured by the Chinese. Three years later we were told that he had died in January 1951 at a prison camp called Death Valley.

Many years later, I began a search for information. Dad, a medic with the 9th Inf., 2nd Div., had been caring for injured soldiers at a road block at Kunu-ri when he was captured. He survived the 20-day Death March, but died of starvation and hypothermia soon after he arrived at Death Valley.

My grandparents died without ever knowing the details of their son's death. The little girl who watched her Dad step onto that bus en route to his death grew up and now has a wonderful family and a full life. But each year around Christmas time a memory from somewhere deep down inside whispers, "I'll be home for Christmas."

James Harold Lynch, born Dec. 12, 1927; died Jan. 8, 1951.

Some still remember... ☐

OKINAWA

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81st Div., and the 1st, 2nd and 6th Marine divisions. They began coming ashore on Easter Sunday, April 1, 1945.

The landing was designated L-Day, the "L" standing for "love."

The U.S. ground commander—son of a Civil War general—was Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner. To Buckner's great relief, there was almost no resistance to the landing. His troops promptly captured the main airfield near Naha, Okinawa's capital.

Opposition remained light as the Marines cleared the northern end of the island. The GIs turned south until they confronted Ushijima's underground defenses, the Shuri Line.

MacArthur was to say later that the Americans should have stopped there and waited to starve the enemy out. They had won what they came for—a close-in base for the climactic invasion of the Japanese home islands—a campaign MacArthur himself was to command in November.

Instead, Okinawa became the biggest, bloodiest battle of World War II in the Pacific, as well as a major influence on the decision to use the atomic bomb.

WHILE the battle for this small Japanese island raged, across the globe, Americans were preoccupied with both tragedy and triumph at home. President Roosevelt died, Germany surrendered and America's immense industrial war machine began to throttle back.

But there were no signs of throttling back along the Shuri Line. "A pimple of a hill" called Sugarloaf took the Marines a week to capture, at a cost of 3,000 casualties.

Next came Half Moon Hill. It was "a stinking compost pile," recalled Marine Pvt. E.B. Sledge in his chilling memoir, *With the Old Breed*. "If a Marine slid down the muddy ridge, he was apt to reach the bottom vomiting," wrote Sledge. "The maggots (from the half-buried dead) tumbled out of his pockets, cartridge belt, leggings... The conditions taxed the toughest almost to the point of screaming... The war was insanity."

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Waves of kamikaze planes assaulted the huge fleet. By the time the battle ended, the suicide planes had sunk 38 ships and killed over 5,000 sailors.

The mightiest kamikaze was to have been the *Yamato*, the world's biggest battleship. According to Japanese plans, she would storm the invasion fleet, then ground herself as a floating battery. Fortunately, *Yamato* was spotted long before reaching the island by American planes, who drove her to the bottom of the sea.

For Hirohito, the news of *Yamato's* sinking was a particularly disturbing blow.

"Gone?" the emperor is said to have asked in disbelief. "She's gone?"

On land, continuing rainfall turned the Shuri Line into a mass of mud and mangled bodies. In addition to their caves and tunnels, the opportunistic Japanese turned the above-ground tombs where Okinawans buried their dead into mini-forts. One 2,500 by 4,500-yard sector was defended by 124 machine guns, 15 cannons, and 18 grenade launchers and mortars.

Caught in the middle, many of the island's 450,000 natives were pressed into service. Before the battle was over

many would die—some by their own hands. Believing Japanese tales of American atrocities, civilians embarked on a panicky frenzy of mass suicides and murder. "We raised our hands against the mother who bore us," Shigeaki Kinjo, a boy on Tokashiki Island off Okinawa, later recalled in describing her death at the hands of her family. "In the end we must have used stones to the head."

Also off Okinawa on Ie Shima Island, the GIs' beloved correspondent, Ernie Pyle, was killed by a sniper's bullet.

Life in the caves was a madhouse of rotting dead, moaning wounded and terrified civilians, as sheets of steel and scorching bursts of flamethrowers slowly pried the Japanese out of the ground. On June 18, Buckner became the highest-ranking U.S. officer to die in WWII, succumbing to a Japanese shell. By this time it was L-Day plus 78, already 48 days longer than forecasted. Buckner was replaced temporarily by Maj. Gen. Roy Geiger, the Marine commander, until Lt. Gen. Joseph "Vinegar Joe" Stilwell could take over.

By then Ushijima, true to his code,

had killed himself. So had many of his men. "The sea water was dyed red," a woman survivor remembered. The Japanese were scurrying to find a place along the cliffs to jump. "It was like ants when their nest had been dug up," a soldier said.

In the end, over 12,000 Americans lost their lives, along with 110,000 Japanese soldiers and militia, and as many as 150,000 civilians—a third of the local population.

Okinawa was officially declared won on June 22. For the Japanese, all that remained was Tennozan—the ultimate battle—which would take place on Japanese soil. Given the tenacious defense of Okinawa, the American commanders forecasted an even graver cost when the Japanese were attacked on their homeland. Planners estimated from 250,000 to 1 million U.S. casualties, and even higher Japanese losses.

It was with this grim equation in mind that the new American President, Harry S. Truman, debated the use of an atomic bomb, pending a successful test scheduled for July in New Mexico.

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campaign to win a Flag-protection amendment. The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary, as the founders of the CFA, Inc., have provided management oversight to the effort and the seed money necessary to conduct operations.

As of March 22, the CFA, Inc., comprised 92 national organizations working together throughout the country to raise public awareness of the issue and to persuade members of Congress to vote in favor of a Flag-protection amendment. When SJ. Res. 31 and HJ. Res. 79 were introduced on March 21, 247 members of the House and 45 senators signed onto the bills as original cosponsors. That's more original cosponsors than the Flag-protection amendment of 1990 had at the time of the vote, and the bills have just been introduced into Congress.

Obviously, the work that has been done on this issue in the states and in Washington has been intensive. It is

neither easy nor inexpensive to revive an initiative that was thought to have died in 1990. Doing this required a complex and sophisticated plan developed by a task force of Legion and Auxiliary leaders who undertook the initiative at the request of the National Commander.

After considerable study, the task force agreed that securing a constitutional amendment to protect the Flag would require a campaign unlike any the Legion or Auxiliary had ever embarked on previously. The task force recognized that the Legion family was very good at shepherding veterans' legislation through Congress, but a nationwide, grassroots campaign to secure a constitutional amendment was very different from anything we have ever done before.

The key components of the CFA campaign are:

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- Developing ads and placing them in CFA member publications.
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it in its final form merited our opposition, we would need time before the scheduled opening to act on that opposition. So we agreed to review the final revision and exchange information on the absolute latest date by which our final decision could be made to oppose it or not.

Q. Why did you stand firm on the issue of the bombing survey?

HARRINGTON: First of all, because Dr. Harwit had earlier agreed that the exhibit would end with the surrender of the Japanese; the survey didn't occur until more than a year later. But even more important is that the survey was presented without context and clearly was included because its finding ignited the debate over the necessity and morality of the decision to use atomic bombs to end the war.

DAGLEY: What NASM didn't include was that the survey was done by and for the Army Air Corps, then locked in a serious battle to become a separate armed force; that it was conducted by economists who looked only at the economic and material capacity of the Japanese to continue to wage war; and that its findings were rebutted by many people who were directly involved in dealing with Japanese military resistance.

Q. There has been quite a bit of controversy surrounding the estimates of casualties that would have been sustained in an invasion of Japan. Was that a major issue during your discussions?

DETWEILER: It was at first, but we thought we had reached an ironclad agreement on how the casualty issue would be dealt with. As it turns out, it was the issue of casualties that finally blew up in NASM's face.

HARRINGTON: It was our understanding that the script would include a range of estimates, up to the half-million figure. And it was also our understanding that after our last meeting in October, there would be no more script revisions. We were reviewing the final script, studying the newly added "War in the Pacific" section

and considering our final position when Dr. Harwit pulled the pin on the process.

DAGLEY: Yep—and then he dropped the grenade in his lap. He wrote to us that after further consideration and consultation with a revisionist historian—the man behind the original, biased and anti-American script—NASM had decided to revise the script to include a very low estimate of casualties. That was it.

Q. Why was that the last straw?

DETWEILER: For a number of reasons. First, we had been assured by Dr. Harwit that there would be no more revisions. We gathered from his unilateral revision of the numbers that what he meant was there would be no more revisions from *our* perspective. Second, we had been assured by Undersecretary Newman that Harwit had been removed from decision-making about the contents of the exhibit. I think she was as stunned as we were by Harwit's letter.

The point is, we knew then that NASM was not under the control of the Smithsonian leadership, and that we had no assurance that the script we reviewed would be the same script that accompanied the exhibit. So we traveled to Washington to meet with Smithsonian Secretary I. Michael Heyman to inform him of our renewed opposition.

Q. How was the decision received?

DETWEILER: Rather tersely. We had hoped that the meeting might provide at least the opportunity to discuss our position and explore what avenues, if any, remained open to both of us. That didn't happen.

HARRINGTON: From that point forward our objective was clear: oppose the exhibit as it was originally planned, press for an unencumbered exhibit of the Enola Gay and encourage Congress to look into how and why the exhibit came to be so flawed in the first place. We corresponded again with the President, members of Congress and the Board of Regents. And we met, face to face, with many members of Congress to explain our position and ask for their help and support. And we got it.

Q. So is that the end of it now?

DETWEILER: I don't think so. We main-

tained all along that the welfare of the institution was among our concerns. I believe the Smithsonian has been badly damaged by this controversy, and a little light has been shed on what's been going on there for the past decade or so. Now, though, it is up to Congress to meet its obligation to the people of this country and to ask some tough questions about this exhibit and the role of the Smithsonian in American life.

We are prepared to help Congress do that in every appropriate way. And we will continue to press for the aircraft—in its original condition—to be displayed for the American people to see. □

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Stories, photos and anecdotes about the 63rd Signal Service Co., Ft. Lewis, Wash., redesignated Post Signal Co., AU 8350, Ft. Richardson, Alaska, October 1948 to April 1952, for research. Contact: Jim Helsterkamp, 537 Jones St., #748, San Francisco, CA 94102; (415) 922-3227.

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"Uncle Billy," a GI believed attached to the 4th Inf. Div. near Bowden House Totnes, England, during WWII. Has American Eagle tattoo on chest. Contact: Bob Cox, American Legion National Headquarters, (317) 630-1360.

Veterans who served with Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch or his son Capt. A.M. (Mac) Patch III during WWII, for a research project sponsored by the George C. Marshall Foundation. Contact: Gregory L. Owen, 303 Nutmeg Ct., Harrisonburg, VA 22801; (703) 432-22801.

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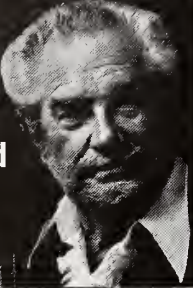
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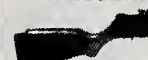
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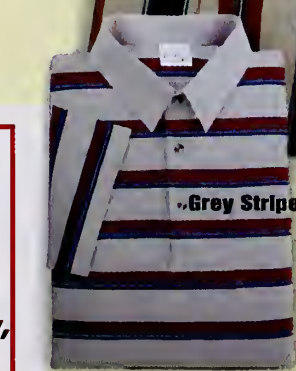
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